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WAIT... WHAT AM I DOING HERE? WHO ARE YOU?!

MY NAME IS DOLDINKA, I'M A STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MOSCOW MAJORING IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

I'M VISITING MY PARENTS FOR A FEW DAYS ON VACATION.



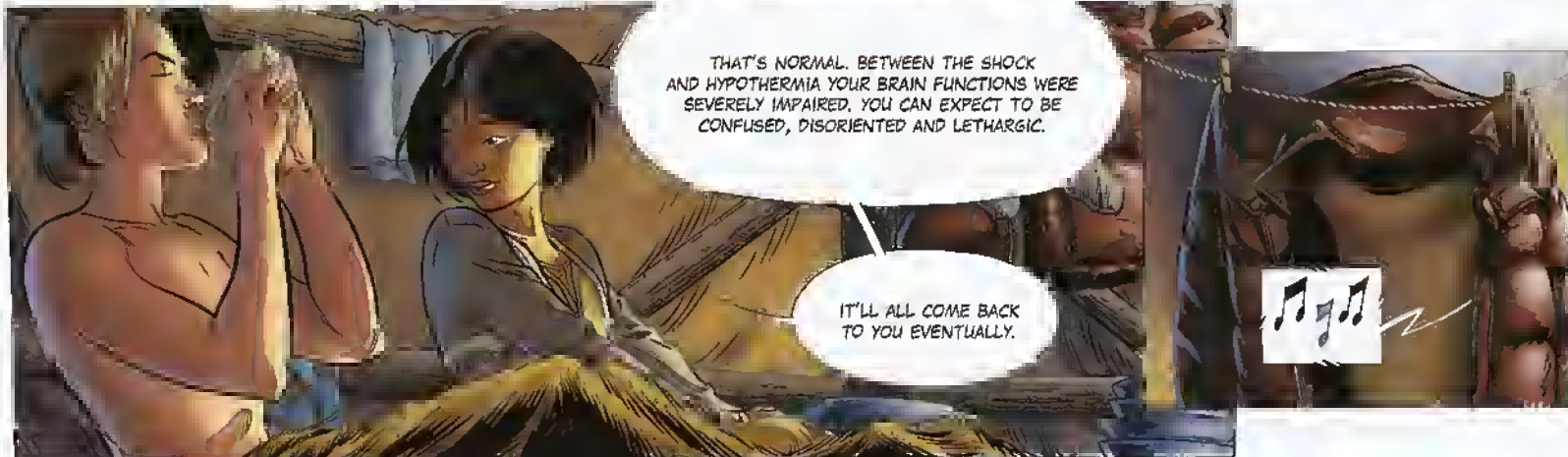
HERE, DRINK THIS. IT'S REINDEER MILK. IT'S FULL OF VITAMINS AND NUTRIENTS THAT WILL DO YOU GOOD. YOU HAVE TO GET YOUR STRENGTH BACK AFTER YOUR LITTLE SWIM.



WHAT SWIM?

YOU FELL THROUGH THE ICE WHILE CROSSING THE RIVER. YOU ALMOST DROWNED.

OH? I CAN'T REMEMBER ANY OF THAT.



THAT'S NORMAL. BETWEEN THE SHOCK AND HYPOTHERMIA YOUR BRAIN FUNCTIONS WERE SEVERELY IMPAIRED. YOU CAN EXPECT TO BE CONFUSED, DISORIENTED AND LETHARGIC.

IT'LL ALL COME BACK TO YOU EVENTUALLY.





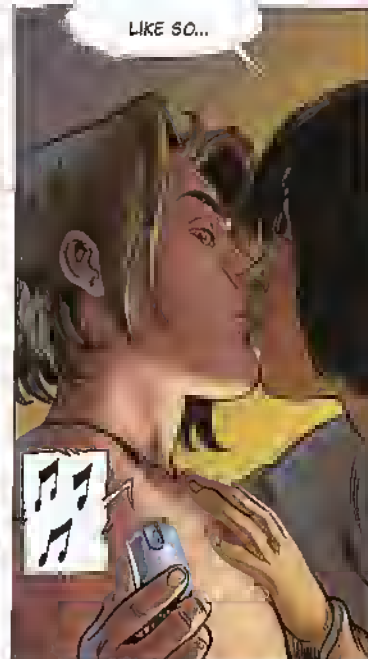
YOU'RE LUCKY THIS STILL WORKS. IT WASN'T IN THE WATER LONG, JUST THE FEW SECONDS IT TOOK FOR ME TO PULL YOU OUT, BUT STILL...



YOU SAVED MY LIFE. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU...



LIKE SO...



HELLO, DAYTONA?  
STIRLING HERE!

IT TOOK YOU A  
WHILE TO PICK UP  
THE PHONE...

YOU'VE BEEN GONE FOR  
THREE HOURS ALREADY, I  
WAS STARTING TO GET  
WORRIED!

WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING?



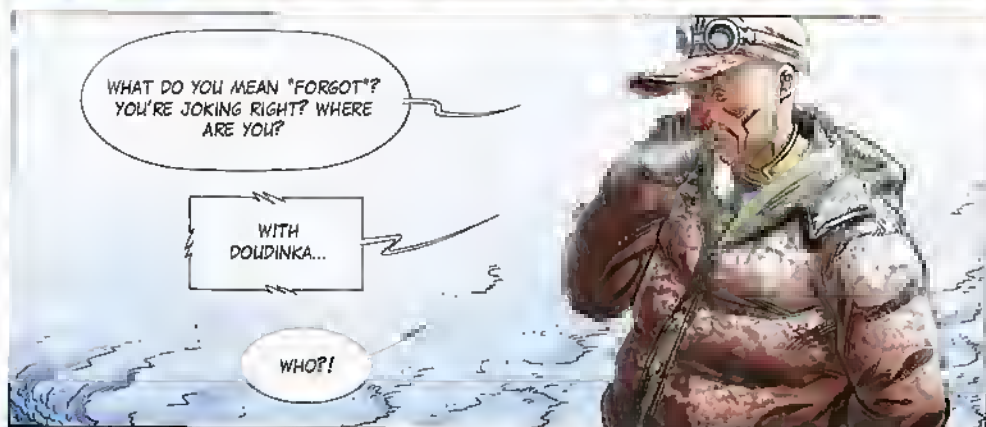
S... STIRLING! MY GOD,  
I COMPLETELY FORGOT ABOUT  
YOU!



WHAT DO YOU MEAN "FORGOT"?  
YOU'RE JOKING RIGHT? WHERE  
ARE YOU?

WITH  
DOUDINKA...

WHO?!



I... I'LL EXPLAIN  
EVERYTHING  
LATER...

I'M COMING. I JUST  
HAVE TO GET DRESSED.

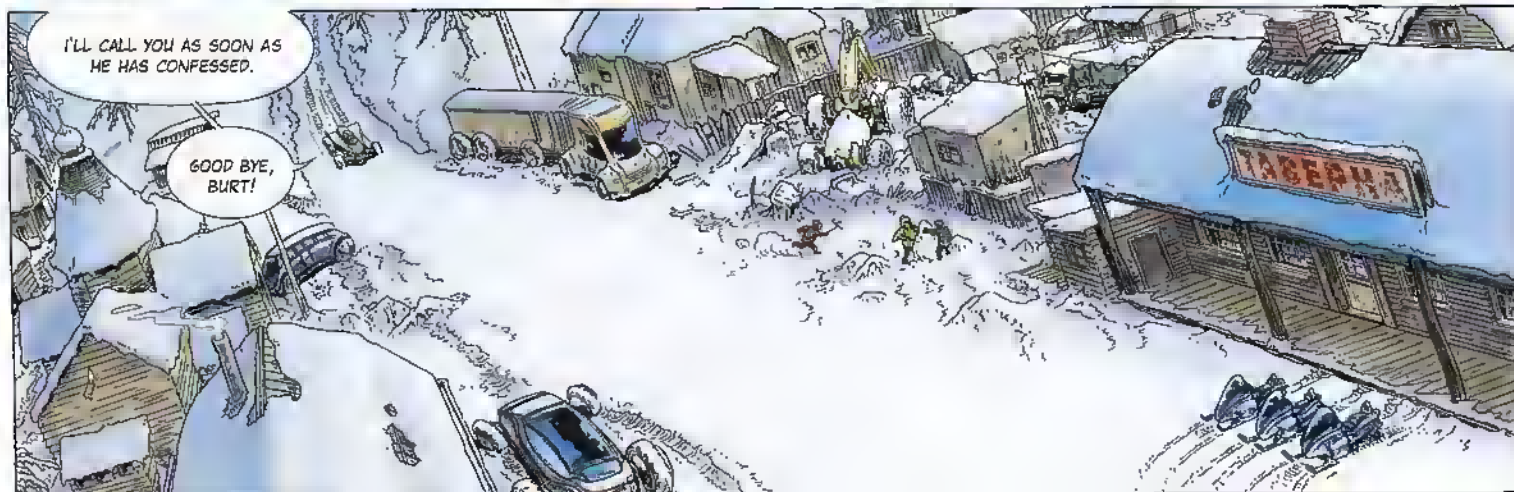
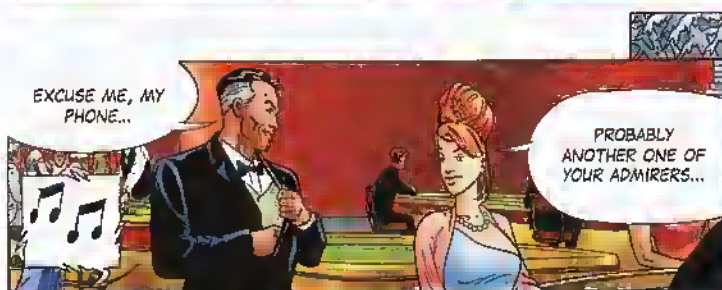


WHAT DO YOU MEAN "GET DRESSED"?!  
HELLO?... HELLO, DAYTONA?... CAN YOU HEAR  
ME?... HELLO?

ERR... CAN I HAVE MY  
CLOTHES, PLEASE?  
(SHRINKAGE)



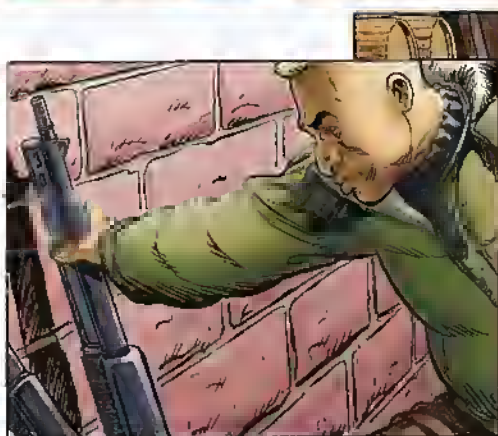
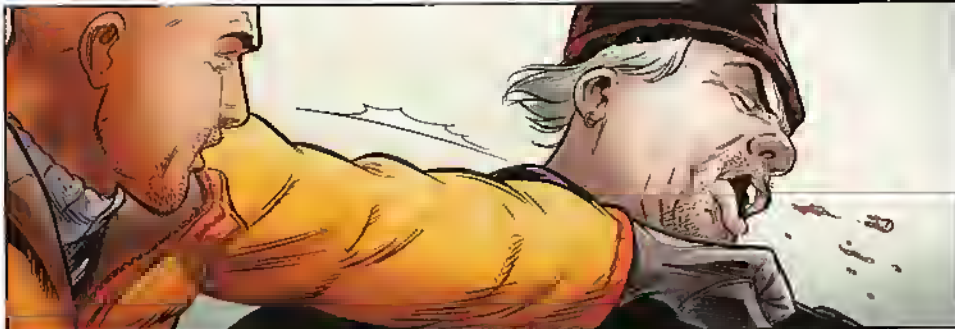
















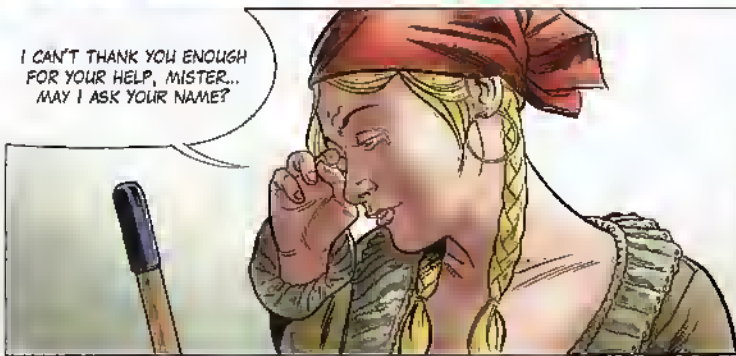
WHERE DID THOSE SCUMBAGS  
COME FROM? DO YOU KNOW  
THEM?

NO, I'VE NEVER  
SEEN THEM  
BEFORE...

THEY AREN'T PEOPLE  
FROM AROUND HERE.  
PROBABLY POACHERS  
PASSING THROUGH...



IT'S THE FIRST TIME THAT I'VE  
EVER HAD A PROBLEM WITH A  
CUSTOMER. EVERYONE HAS BEEN  
RESPECTFUL UNTIL NOW...



I CAN'T THANK YOU ENOUGH  
FOR YOUR HELP, MISTER...  
MAY I ASK YOUR NAME?



BORANO.  
I'M A PRIVATE  
DETECTIVE.

NICE TO MEET YOU.  
MY NAME IS TATIANA  
BIELISCOVA.



AND WHO'S  
HE?

ONE OF THE MEN WHO KIDNAPPED A  
YOUNG GIRL I'M LOOKING FOR.

I REALLY NEED TO ASK HIM  
SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT WHERE  
SHE'S BEING HELD.

DO YOU  
MIND?



NO, BUT IT WOULD SURPRISE ME IF HE ANSWERED.  
DEAD PEOPLE USUALLY AREN'T THAT TALKATIVE.

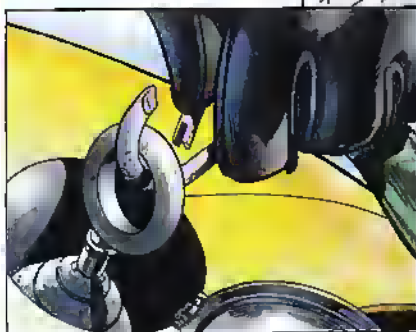
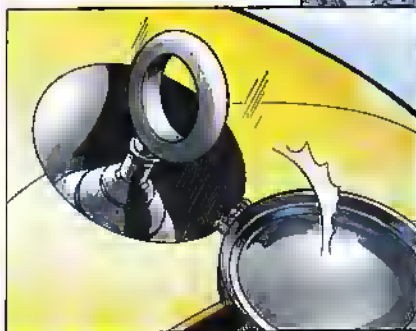
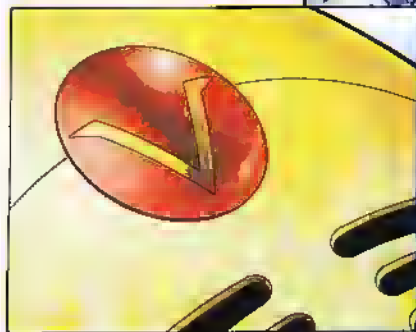
ON THE CONTRARY, THEY  
CAN BE VERY TALKATIVE  
WHEN YOU ASK THE RIGHT  
QUESTIONS.



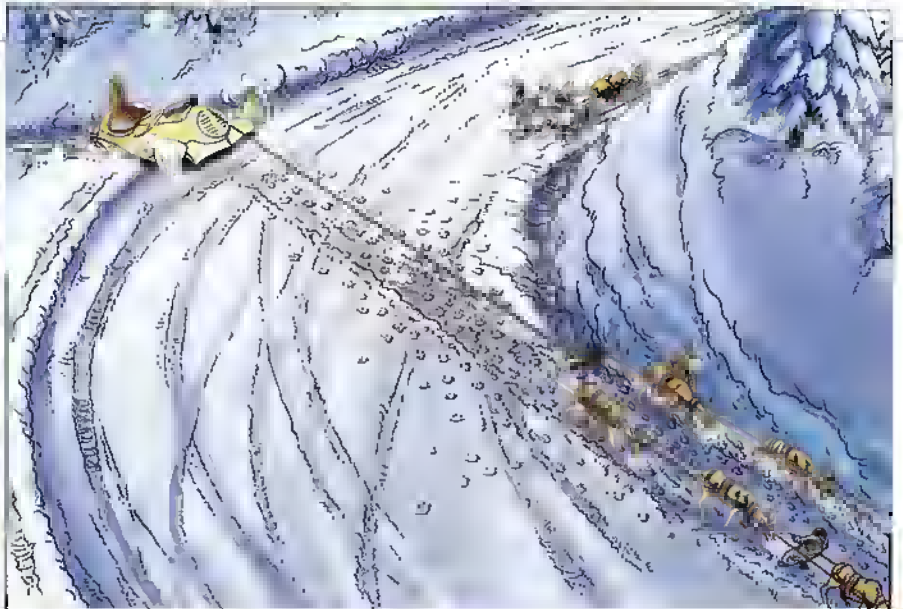
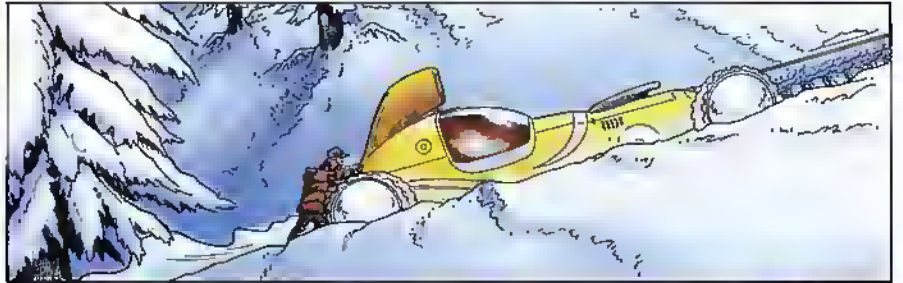
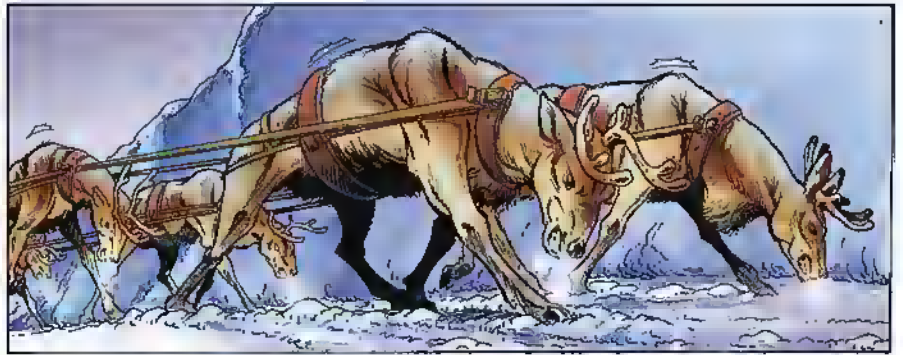
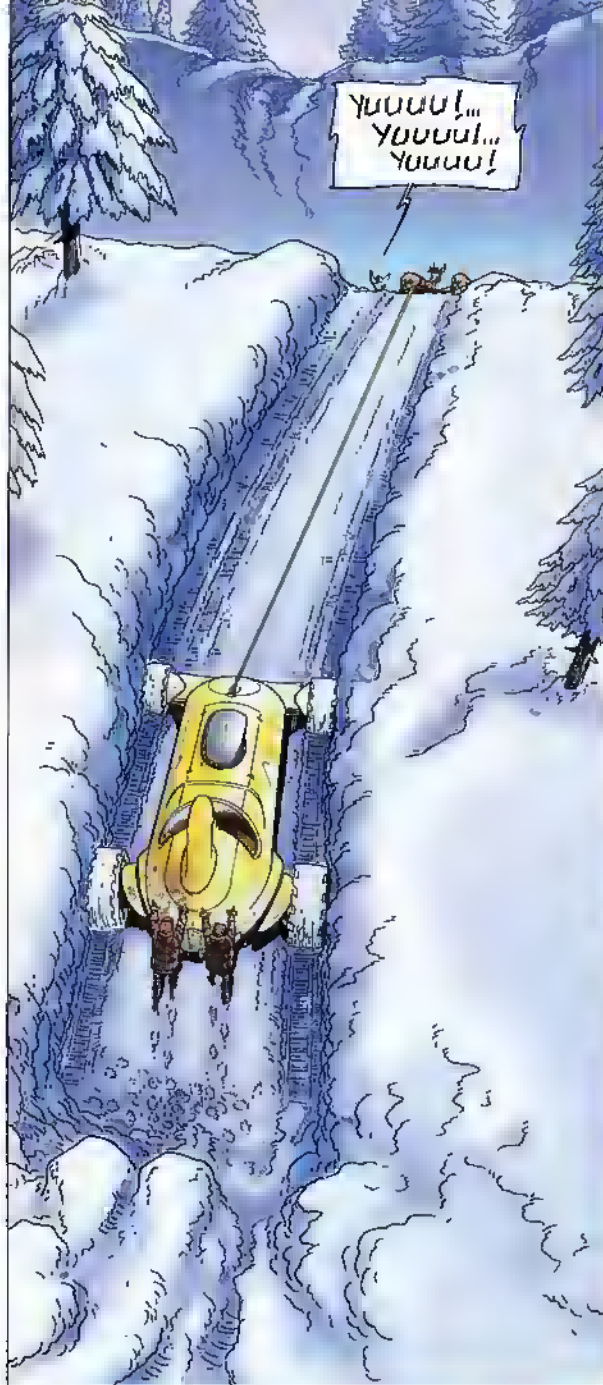
WHERE ARE  
YOU GOING?

TO MY CAR, TO FETCH THE DEVICE THAT  
WILL COMPEL HIM TO TELL ME WHAT I WANT  
TO KNOW.













PLEASE, IT'S ONLY FAIR.  
IT WAS VERY KIND OF YOU TO  
HELP US. WE OWE YOU AT LEAST  
THIS MUCH.

DON'T PUSH  
IT. NO MEANS  
NO...

MY FATHER IS ONE OF THE LAST  
NOMADIC NATIVES. HE CHOOSES TO  
LIVE LIKE HIS NENET ANCESTORS WITH  
RESPECT FOR THE TRADITIONAL VALUES  
OF HOSPITALITY AND SOLIDARITY.

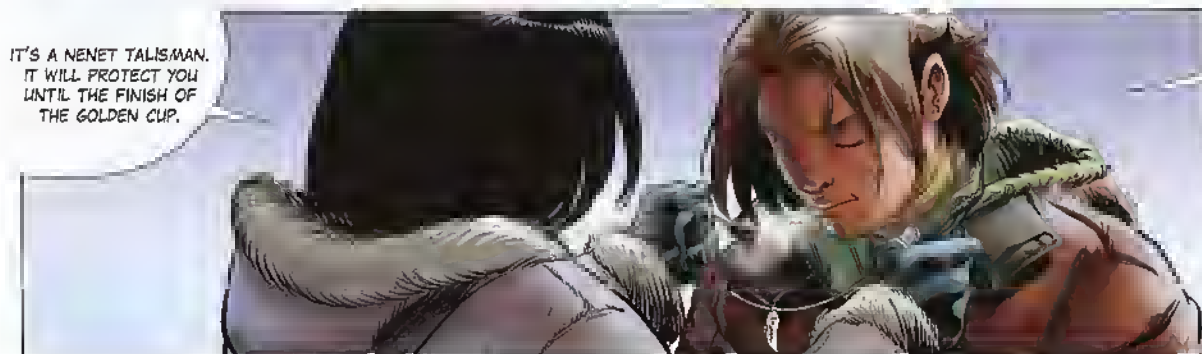
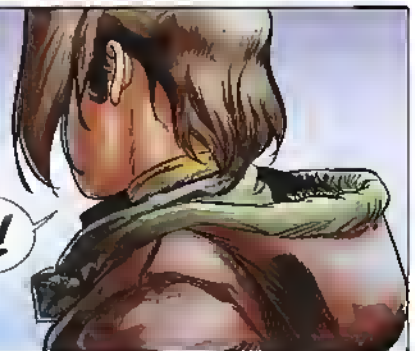
YOU CAN'T BUY THE  
NENETS, THEY AREN'T  
FOR SALE.

SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO INSULT YOU. I LIVE  
FAR FROM HERE IN A LAND WHERE MONEY IS  
KING. WHERE NOBODY DOES ANYTHING FOR  
NOTHING. DON'T JUDGE ME TOO HARSHLY, I  
DIDN'T KNOW PEOPLE LIKE YOU AND YOUR  
FATHER EXISTED.



TAKE THIS, I  
WANT TO GIVE IT  
TO YOU...

?!



IT'S A NENET TALISMAN.  
IT WILL PROTECT YOU  
UNTIL THE FINISH OF  
THE GOLDEN CUP.

THANK YOU, BUT IT'S UNLIKELY  
WE'LL FINISH NOW. WE'VE BEEN  
DELAYED SO LONG THAT IT WOULD  
BE VERY DIFFICULT TO CATCH UP,  
AND IF WE DON'T GET TO THE  
NEXT CONTROL POINT IN TIME  
WE'LL BE OUT OF THE RACE.

WHERE IS THE NEXT  
CONTROL POINT?

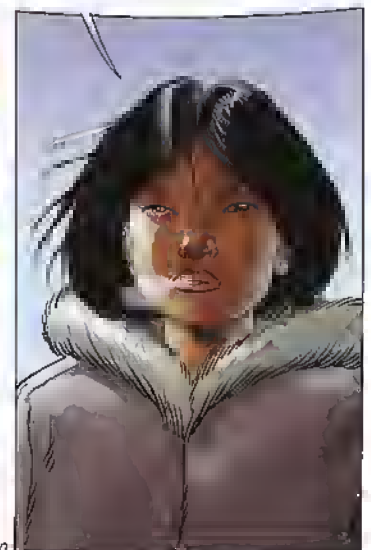
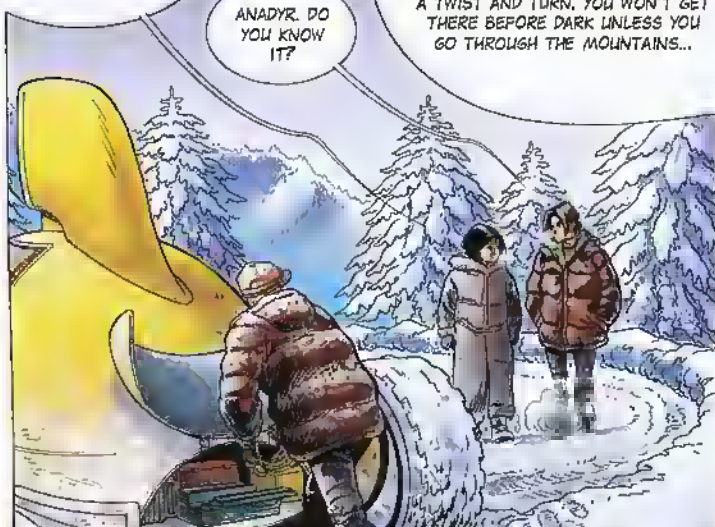
ANADYR. DO  
YOU KNOW  
IT?

OF COURSE, IT'S EIGHT HUNDRED  
MILES FROM HERE. IT'S A LONG  
DRIVE ON A POOR ROAD WITH MANY  
A TWIST AND TURN. YOU WON'T GET  
THERE BEFORE DARK UNLESS YOU  
GO THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS...

THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS? HOW SO?  
ACCORDING TO THE ROAD BOOK THE ONLY  
WAY TO ANADYR IS THROUGH THE VALLEY.

SURE, BUT  
THERE'S ALSO THE  
OLD RAILROAD.

IN THE PAST COPPER, TIN  
AND ZINC WERE TRANSPORTED  
THROUGH HERE...

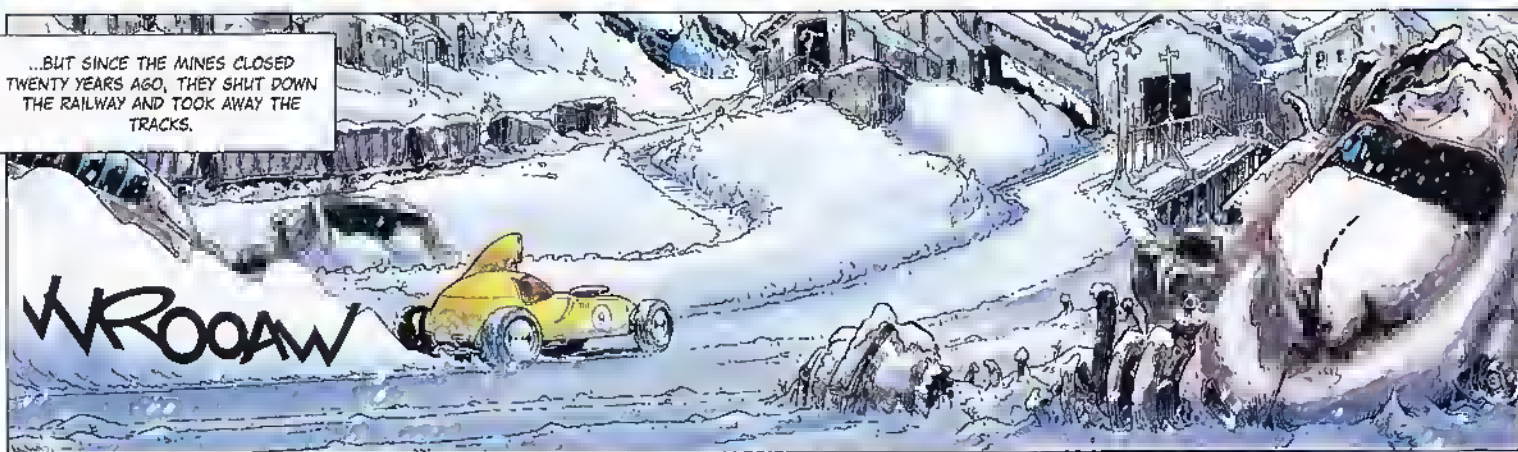




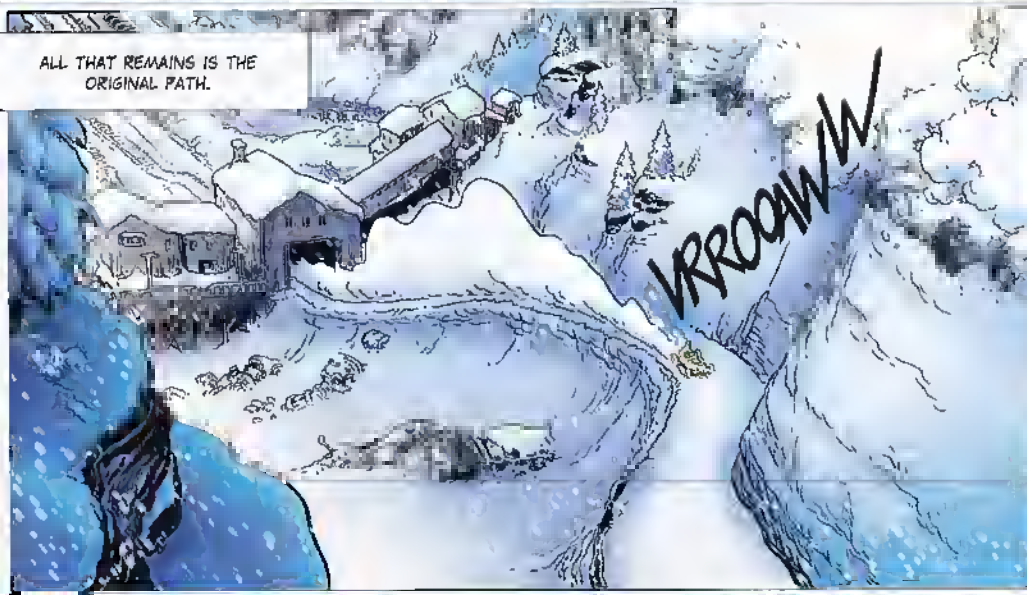
IT WENT THROUGH THE MOUNTAINS TO GET THE ORE TO THE BIG INDUSTRIAL CENTERS FASTER...



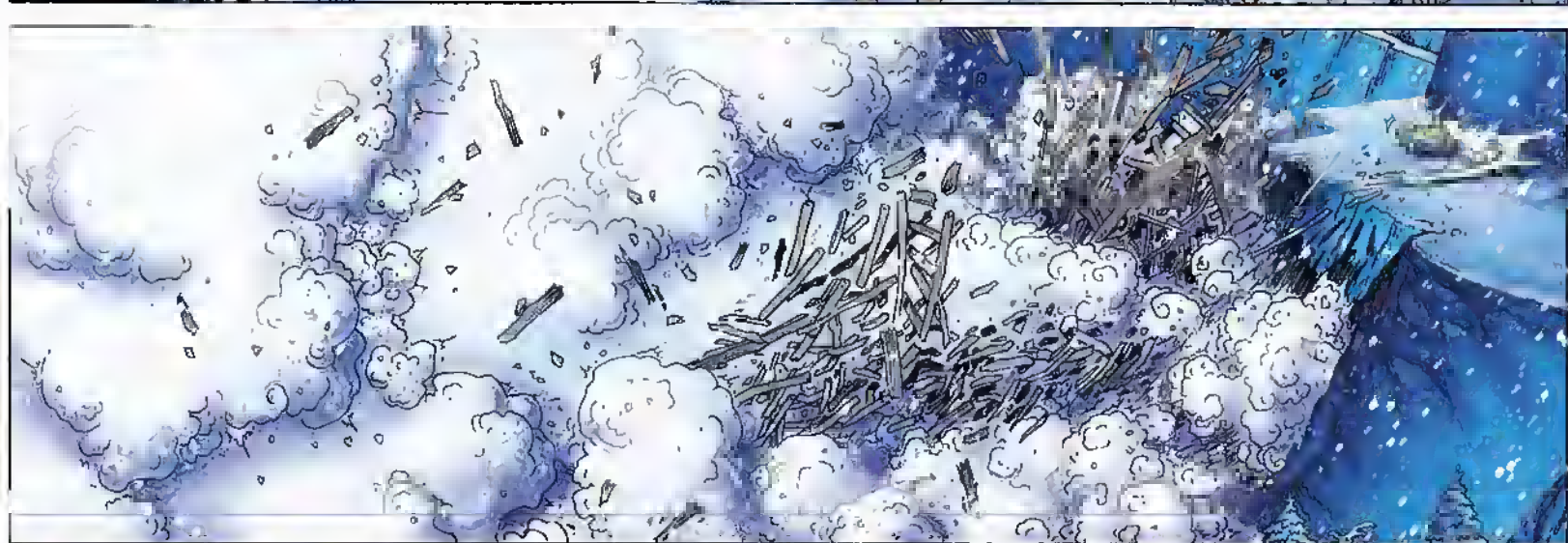
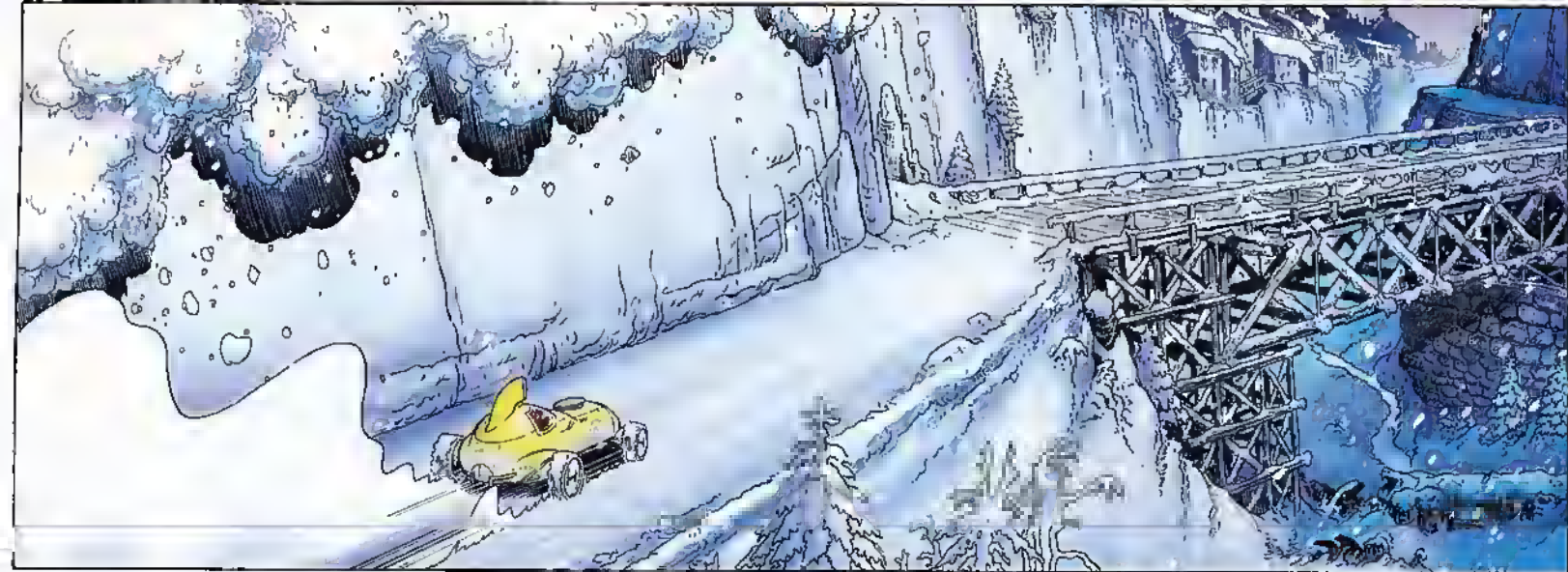
...BUT SINCE THE MINES CLOSED TWENTY YEARS AGO, THEY SHUT DOWN THE RAILWAY AND TOOK AWAY THE TRACKS.



ALL THAT REMAINS IS THE ORIGINAL PATH.





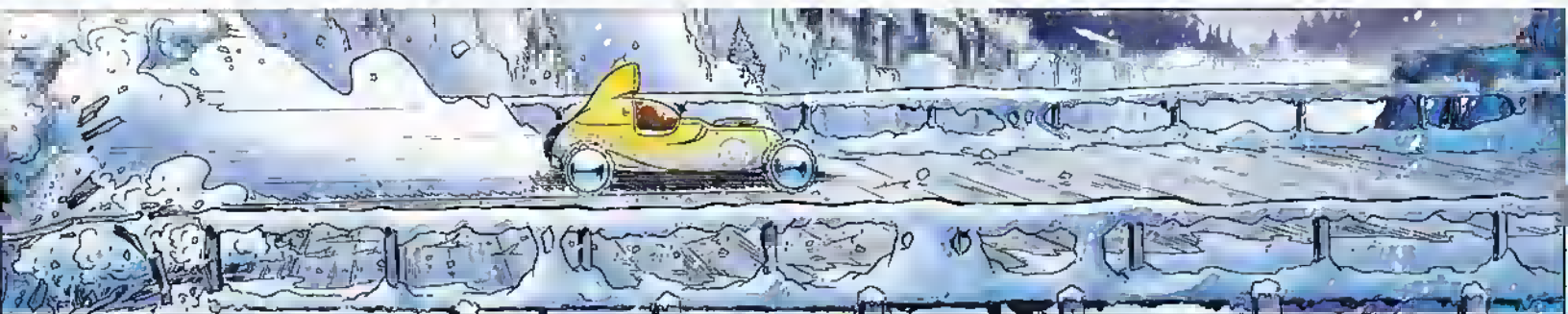
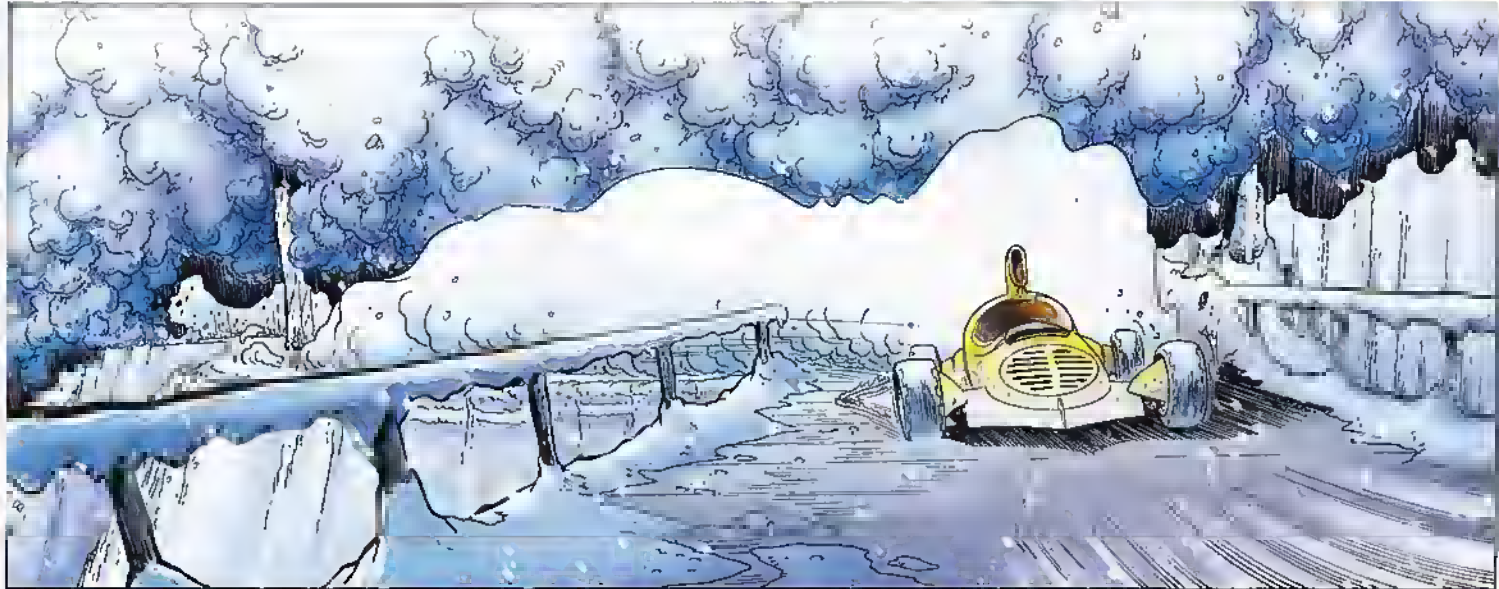


IT'S TOO LATE TO TURN BACK  
NOW. THE ONLY WAY FORWARD IS  
STRAIGHT AHEAD...



OKAY, BUT I DON'T WANT TO  
END UP IN A RAVINE SO EASE  
UP ON THE GAS PEDAL, BOY.

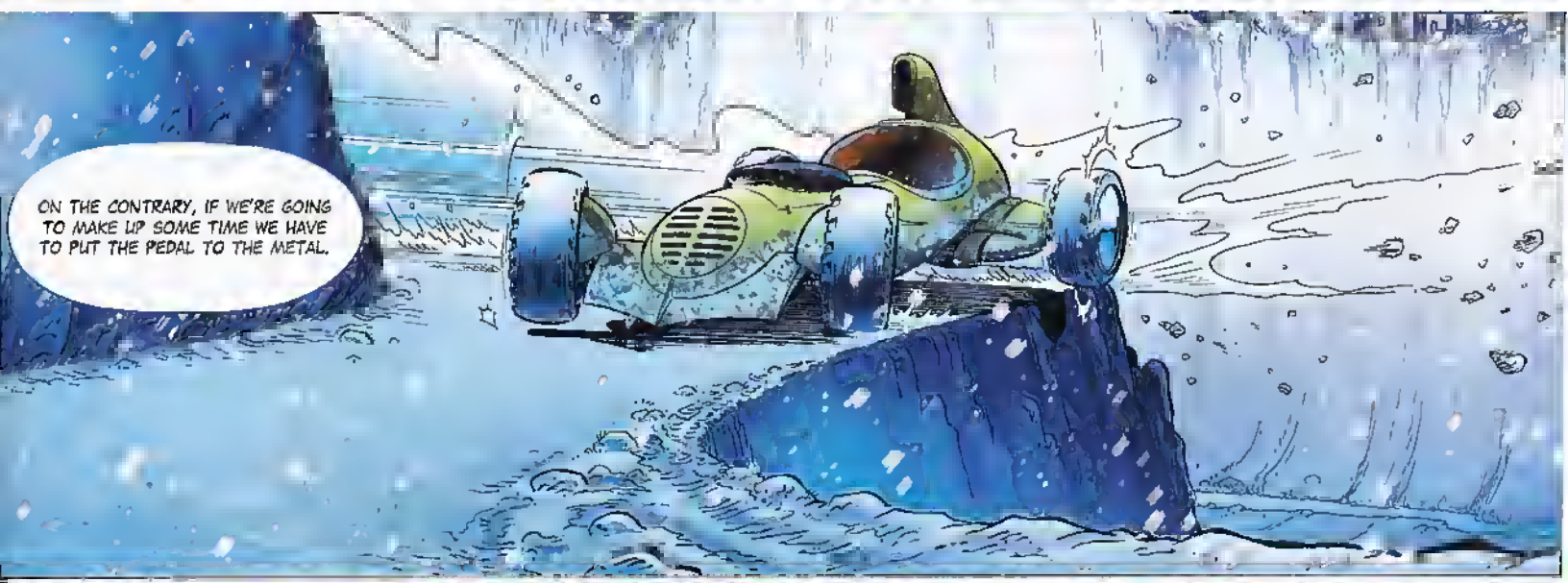




CHRIST, THAT WAS CLOSE! I THOUGHT THAT WAS THE END OF THE RACE FOR US!

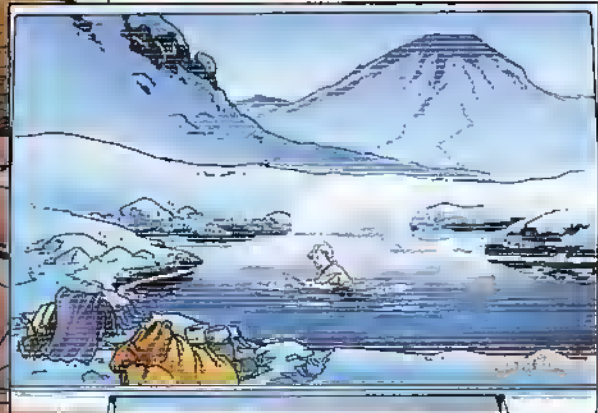
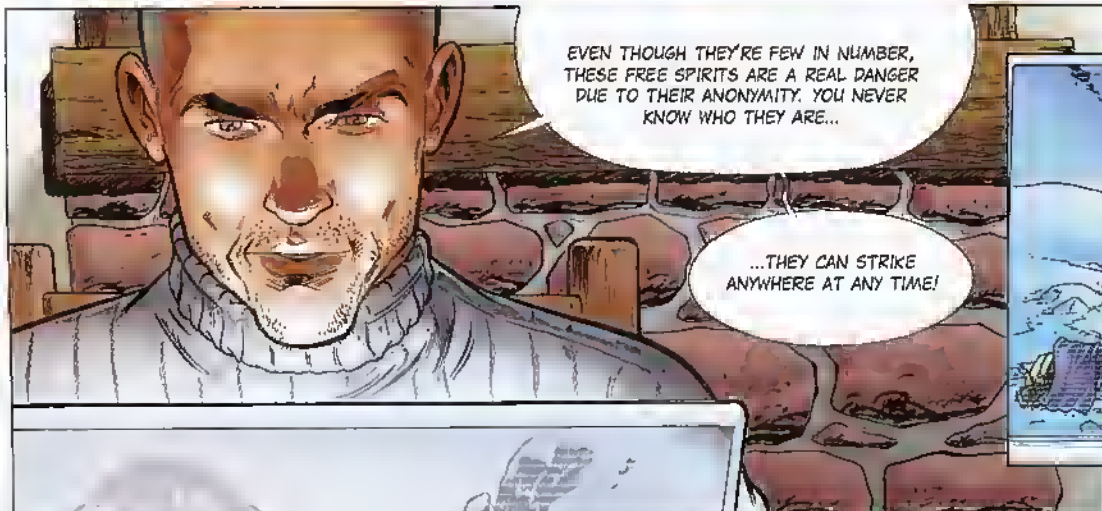
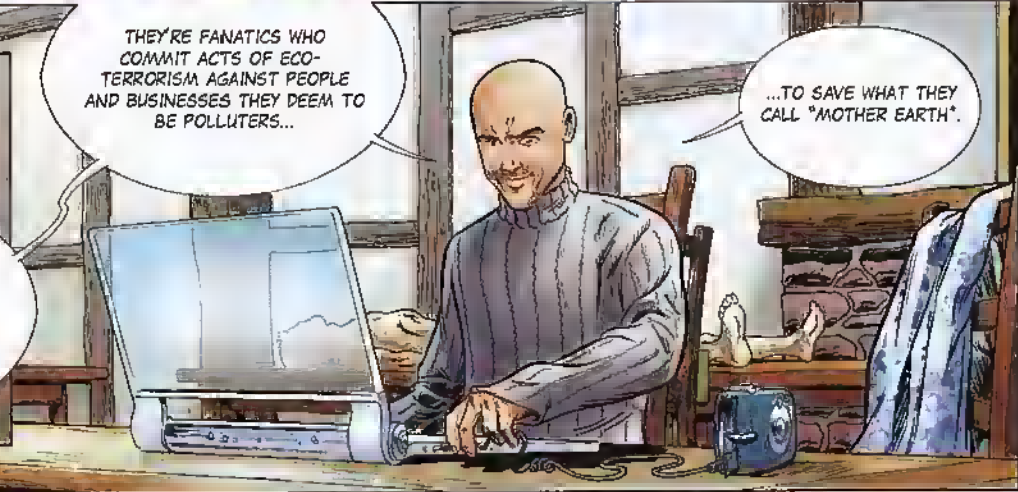
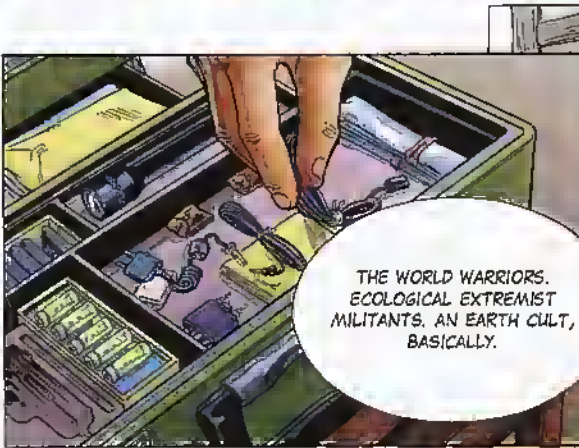
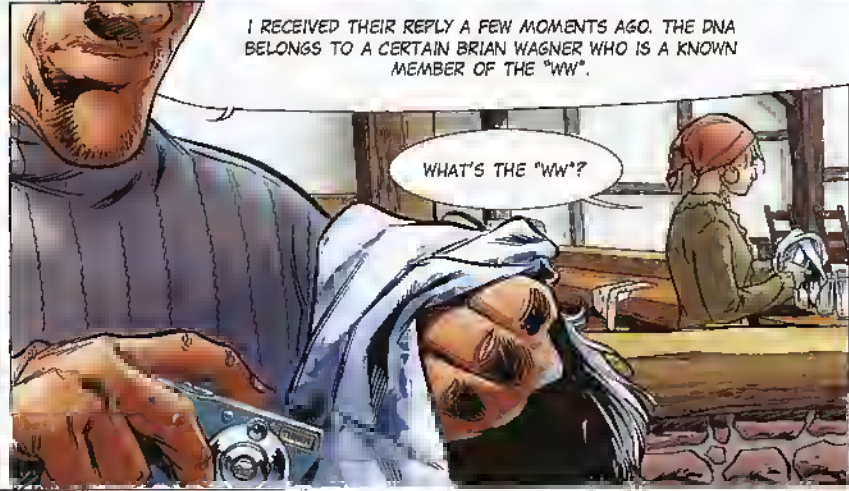
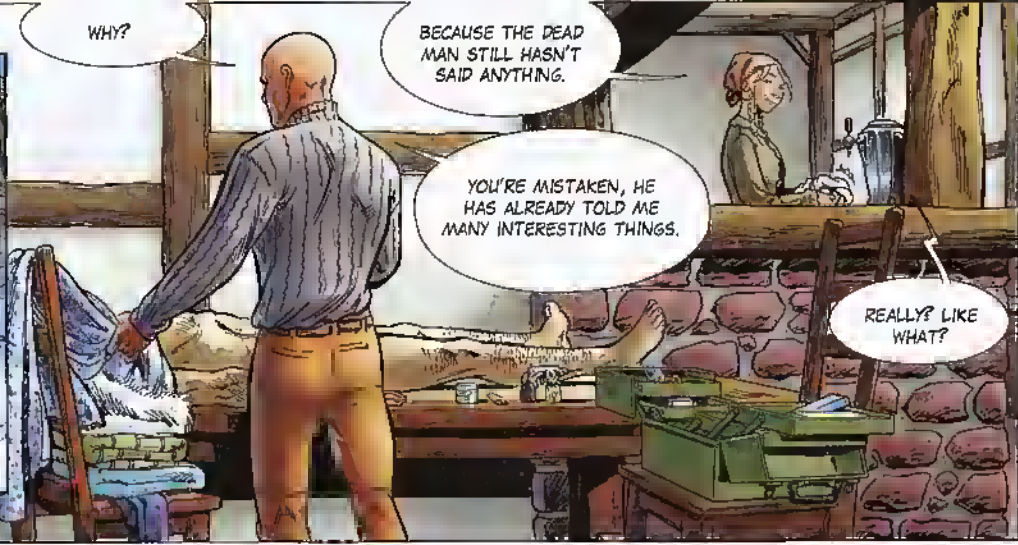


I'M ALREADY REGRETTING FOLLOWING YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S ADVICE. THIS WAY MIGHT BE A LITTLE SHORTER BUT IT'S A HELL OF A LOT MORE DANGEROUS. WE SHOULD HAVE GONE THROUGH THE VALLEY, LIKE THE ROAD BOOK SAID.



ON THE CONTRARY, IF WE'RE GOING TO MAKE UP SOME TIME WE HAVE TO PUT THE PEDAL TO THE METAL.







I THINK I'M ON  
THE RIGHT TRACK,  
TATIANA.

REALLY?

YES, BRIAN HAS JUST SUPPLIED MY  
INVESTIGATION WITH AN IMPORTANT  
CLUE.

COME  
LOOK.

HE TOOK THIS PICTURE...

HOW DO YOU KNOW  
THAT?

BECAUSE I FOUND  
THIS CAMERA IN HIS  
POCKET...

...AND BECAUSE HIS CLOTHES  
ARE IN THE PHOTO; HIS COAT FOR  
EXAMPLE.

LOOK, THERE ON THAT  
ROCK.

YOU'RE RIGHT, THOSE ARE  
HIS. YOU HAVE TO BE CRAZY  
TO SKINNY DIP IN THE  
WINTER!

I WOULD FREEZE  
MY ASS OFF!

HOW IS IT  
WARMED UP?

BY A GEYSER FED  
BY A VOLCANO. WHEN  
I EXAMINED BRIAN'S  
BODY...

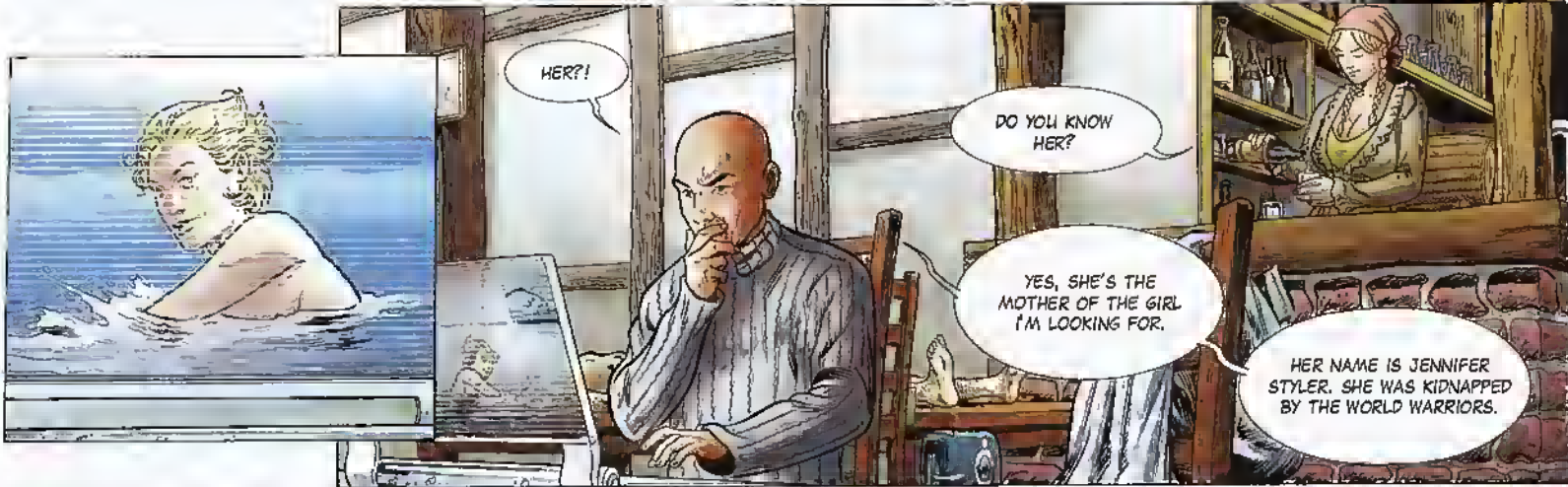
...I FOUND TRACE AMOUNTS OF  
SULPHUR IN HIS HAIR. EVIDENCE  
THAT PROVES HE RECENTLY SWAM  
IN A NATURAL HOT SPRING AND  
NOT LATER THAN YESTERDAY,  
ACCORDING TO THE DATE OF THE  
PICTURE.

SO WHO'S THAT GIRL HE  
PHOTOGRAPHED?

NO IDEA. AT THIS DISTANCE  
I CAN BARELY MAKE OUT HER  
FACE. IF I ZOOM IN AND CLEAN  
UP THE IMAGE WE MIGHT BE  
ABLE TO SEE MORE...

...AND THEN I'LL SEND IT OFF TO THE  
GOLDEN CITY POLICE TO MATCH AGAINST  
KNOWN ASSOCIATES OF THE WORLD  
WARRIORS.





HER?!

DO YOU KNOW HER?

YES, SHE'S THE MOTHER OF THE GIRL I'M LOOKING FOR.

HER NAME IS JENNIFER STYLER. SHE WAS KIDNAPPED BY THE WORLD WARRIORS.



HER TOO?!... WHY?

IT'S A LONG STORY, SHE MUST HAVE BEEN HELD CAPTIVE SOMEWHERE IN THE AREA THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN...

...AND THAT'S PROBABLY WHERE THEY TOOK KELLY.

NOW I JUST NEED TO FIND THE RIGHT PLACE. I'M GOING TO ASK A VOLCANOLOGIST FRIEND FOR ADVICE. HE'S TRAVELLED THE WHOLE WORLD AND KNOWS ALMOST EVERY VOLCANO ON THE PLANET. MAYBE HE'LL RECOGNIZE THE ONE IN THE PICTURE.



WOULD YOU LIKE SOMETHING TO DRINK WHILE YOU WAIT?

HERE, TASTE THIS.



SO, WHAT DO YOU THINK?

FANTASTIC! I'VE NEVER TASTED SUCH A WONDERFUL VODKA.

IF YOU WANT, I CAN HOLD BACK A FEW BOTTLES...

...AND THEN MAYBE YOU CAN COME AND GET THEM WHEN YOU'RE DONE...

YOU'RE SWEET, BUT I DON'T THINK THAT I'LL RETURN. AS SOON AS I FIND KELLY I'M GOING HOME, TO THE BAHAMAS. I LIVE IN A SMALL HARBOR A FEW MILES FROM NASSAU.



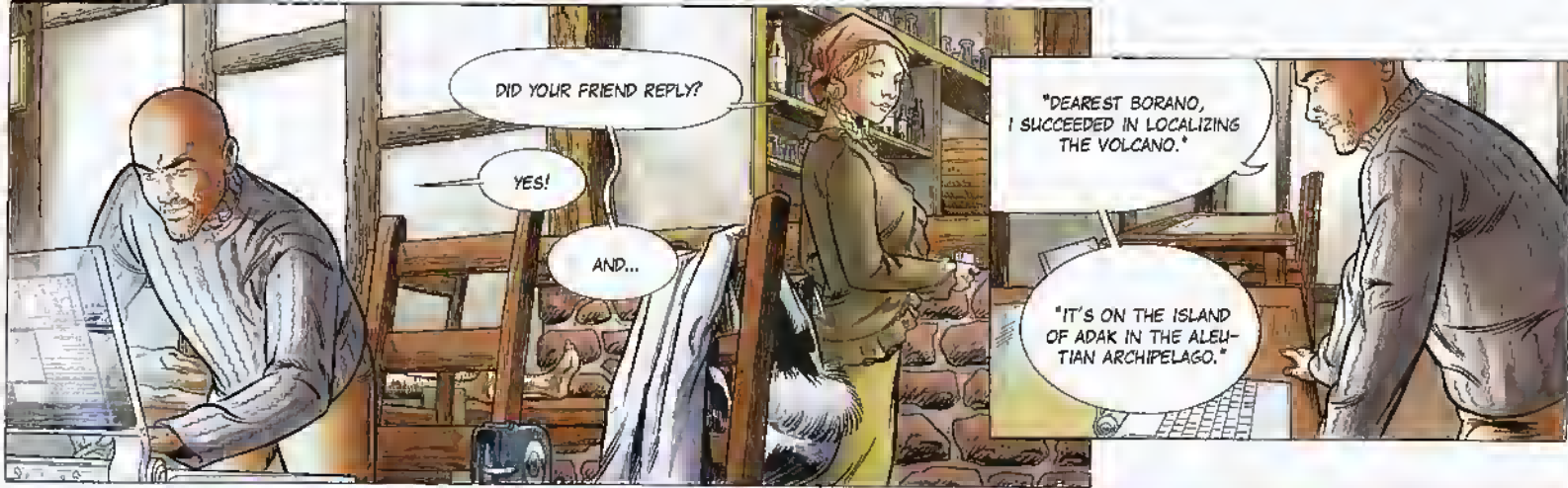
I UNDERSTAND. THERE IS SOMEONE WAITING FOR YOU THERE, YES?

YES, SHE'S A TRIMARAN.

WHEN I'VE REPAIRED HER, I'M GOING TO SAIL AROUND THE WORLD SOLO. I'VE BEEN DREAMING ABOUT IT SINCE I WAS A CHILD!







DID YOUR FRIEND REPLY?

YES!

AND...

"DEAREST BORANO,  
I SUCCEEDED IN LOCALIZING  
THE VOLCANO."

"IT'S ON THE ISLAND  
OF ADAK IN THE ALEU-  
TIAN ARCHIPELAGO."

"IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY THE ISLAND  
SERVED AS A MILITARY BASE FOR AMERICAN  
TROOPS UNTIL THE END OF THE COLD WAR. IT'S  
NOW UNINHABITED AND NO AIRLINES FLY THERE.  
TO GET THERE YOU'LL HAVE TO HIRE A PLANE."

"I KNOW AN EXCELLENT SIBERIAN PILOT I ALWAYS USE  
ON EXPEDITIONS TO THE ALEUTIANS. I'M SENDING YOU  
HIS INFO. CALL HIM AND SAY "HELLO" FOR ME. HE'S  
EXPENSIVE, BUT HE KNOWS THE AREA VERY WELL. IF  
YOU MEET HIS PRICE HE'LL TAKE YOU WHERE YOU  
NEED TO GO!"



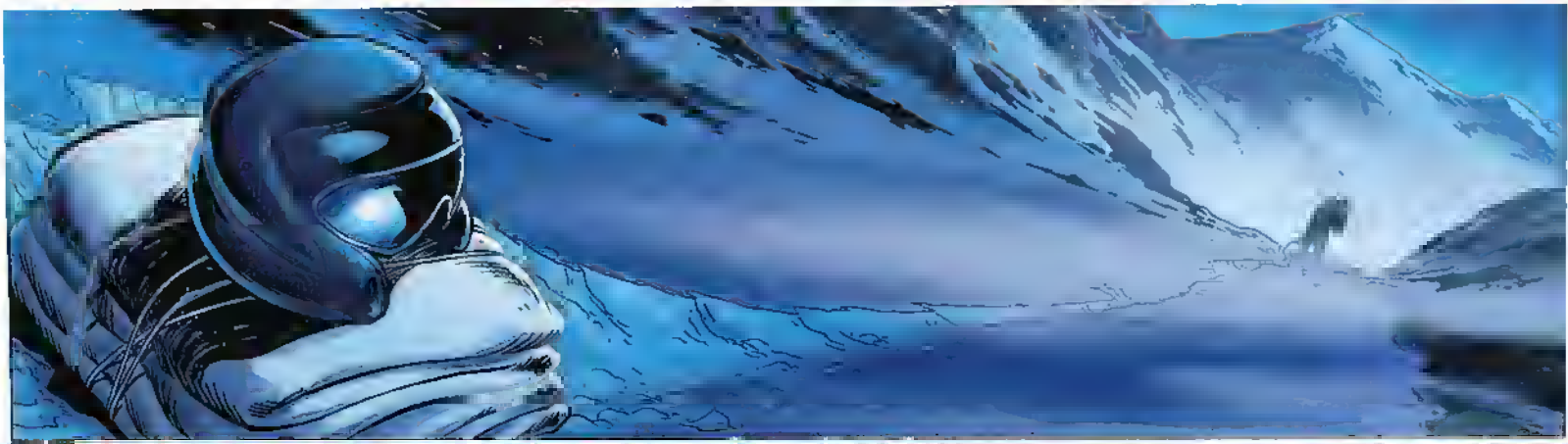
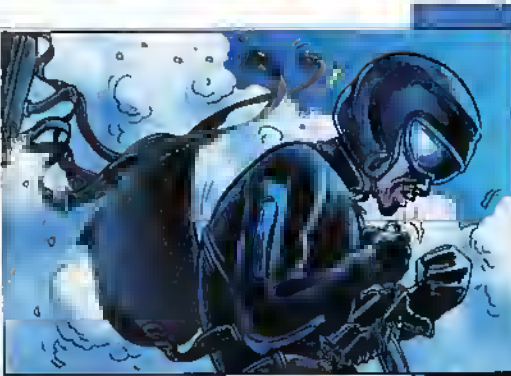
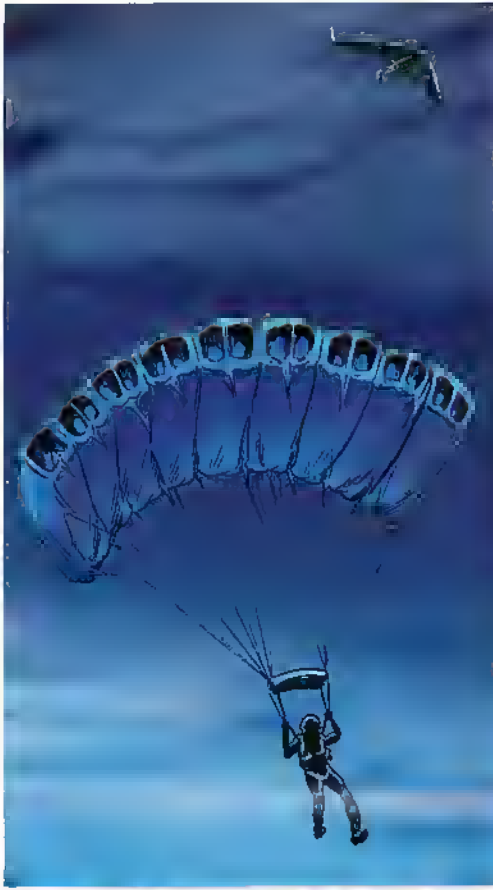
ARE YOU READY TO  
JUMP, MISTER  
BORANO?

YES!

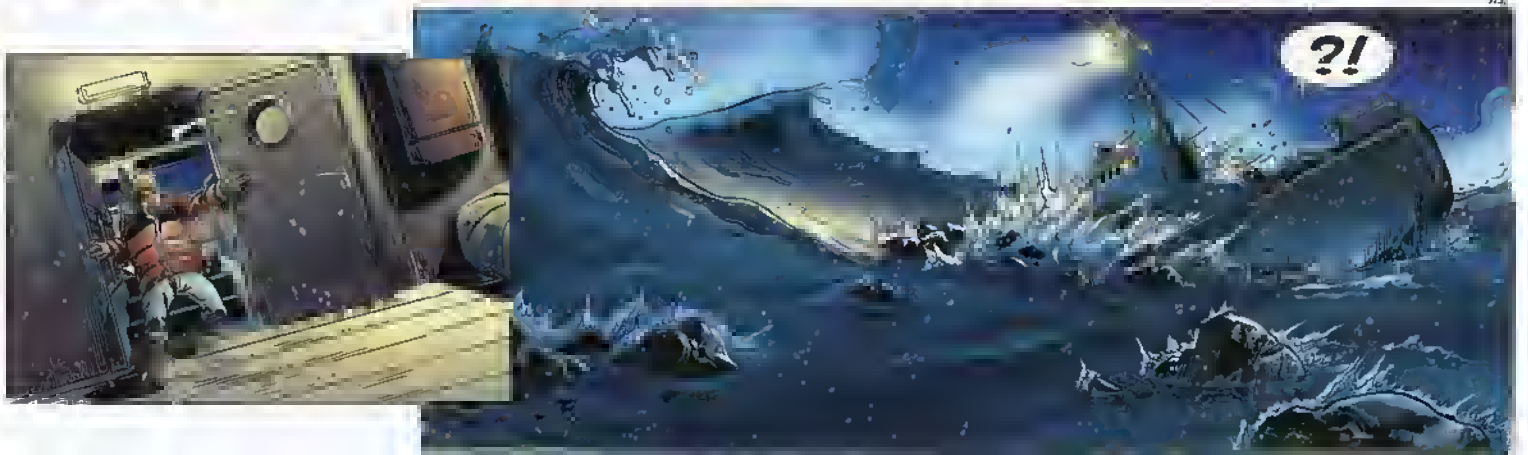
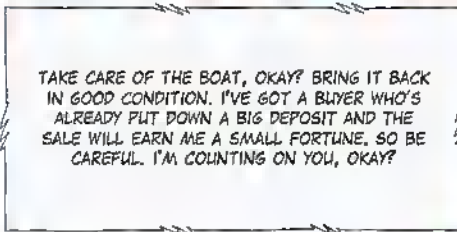
WATCH IT, ADAK IS COMPLETELY  
BLANKETED IN MIST. VISIBILITY IS  
NEAR ZERO!

IT'S FOR THE BEST. THE WORLD  
WARRIORS WON'T SEE ME  
COMING.









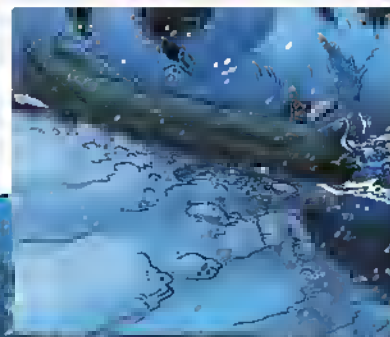
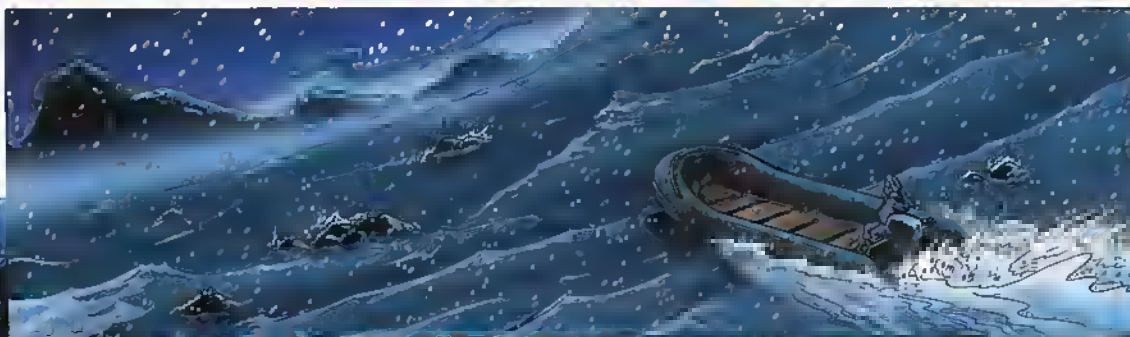
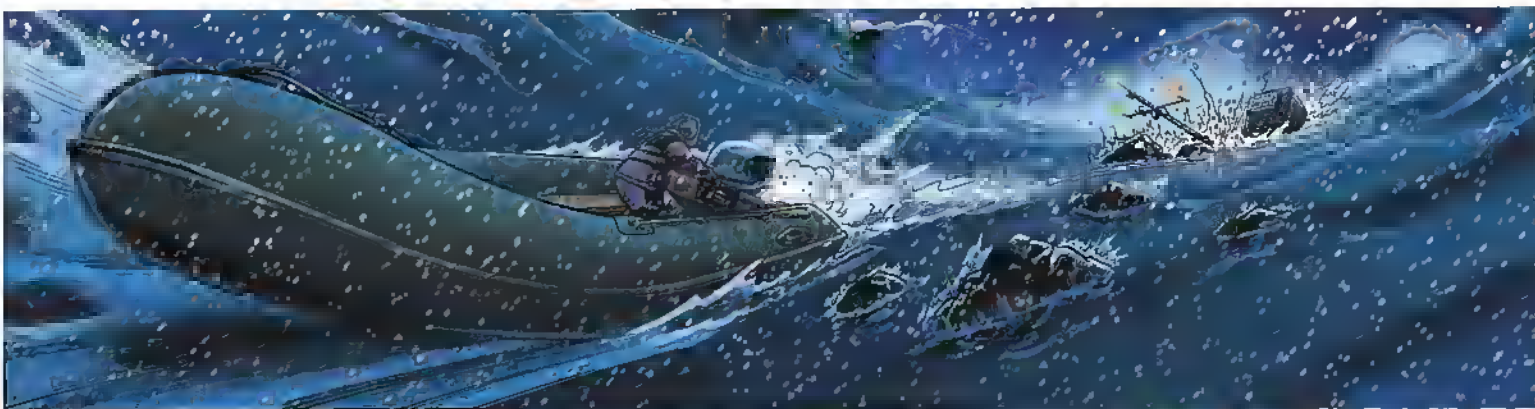




WHAT'S HAPPENING,  
LITTLE BROTHER?



CARUSO? CAN YOU  
HEAR ME? ANSWER  
ME!



IMPOSSIBLE TO STAY  
OUTSIDE IN THIS COLD...

I NEED TO FIND SHELTER  
FOR THE NIGHT...

I HOPE THAT THERE'S A VILLAGE  
NEARBY AND SOMEONE WHO'LL  
HELP ME...



CALL YOUR FATHER!

TELL HIM WE'VE TAKEN YOU HOSTAGE AND THAT WE DEMAND A RANSOM OF FIVE HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IF HE EVER WANTS TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

FUCK OFF! THE ONLY THING I'LL TELL HIM IS THAT YOU MURDERED MY MOTHER!

SHE GOT EXACTLY WHAT SHE DESERVED. SHE WAS AN UNDERCOVER CIA COUNTER-TERRORISM AGENT.

LIAR! I DON'T BELIEVE YOU!

STILL, IT'S TRUE.

YOUR MOTHER CONCEALED HER TRUE MOTIVES UNDER THE GUISE OF A RICH MAN'S WIFE.

EVEN WE WERE FOOLED. SHE CONTACTED US THROUGH A MUTUAL FRIEND, PRETENDING TO SUPPORT OUR CAUSE...

...SAYING THAT SHE WANTED TO FIGHT WITH US. SHE SEEMED SO PASSIONATE THAT WE BELIEVED HER, AND TOOK HER IN.

WE NEVER SUSPECTED THAT SHE WAS AN AGENT SENT TO INFILTRATE OUR GROUP.

WHEN WE FOUND OUT WE DECIDED TO KILL HER. KNOWING THAT YOUR FATHER WAS A BILLIONAIRE WE CAME UP WITH THE IDEA OF A STAGED KIDNAPPING...

...SO WE COULD AT LEAST RAISE SOME FUNDS IN THE PROCESS. THEN WE CALLED YOU, AND THE REST YOU KNOW...

MY MOTHER KNEW ABOUT THIS?

AT FIRST WE DIDN'T TELL HER ANYTHING. SHE HAD NO IDEA THAT SHE KNEW THE TRUTH ABOUT HER.

WHEN DID YOU TELL HER?

ONLY MOMENTS BEFORE WE LEFT FOR THE ABANDONED DRILL STATION WHERE BRIAN MET YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS.

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YOUR MOTHER WANTED TO BETRAY US, IT'S ONLY LOGICAL THAT WE'D SEEK REVENGE AND KILL HER. WITH YOU IT'S DIFFERENT. WE HAVE NO GRUDGE AGAINST YOU. WE'LL LET YOU LIVE, I PROMISE YOU THAT. COME ON, CALL YOUR DADDY.



WHERE DID HE  
COME FROM?!



I DON'T KNOW, I FOUND HIM  
OUTSIDE AT THE WINDOW.

WHAT WERE YOU  
DOING AT THE WINDOW,  
SPYING ON US?



N...NO! I... I GOT SHIP-  
WRECKED! I HOPED TO  
FIND SOMEONE WHO'D  
GIVE ME SHELTER FOR  
THE NIGHT.

DO YOU THINK I'M A  
FOOL?



EVERYBODY KNOWS  
THAT THIS ISLAND IS  
UNINHABITED!



SO WHY DID YOU  
COME HERE? WHO  
SENT YOU?

NOBODY! I'M SHIP-  
WRECKED, REALLY! MY  
BOAT SANK IN THE  
STORM...

I WAS ABLE TO  
SAVE MYSELF WITH A  
RESCUE ZODIAC...

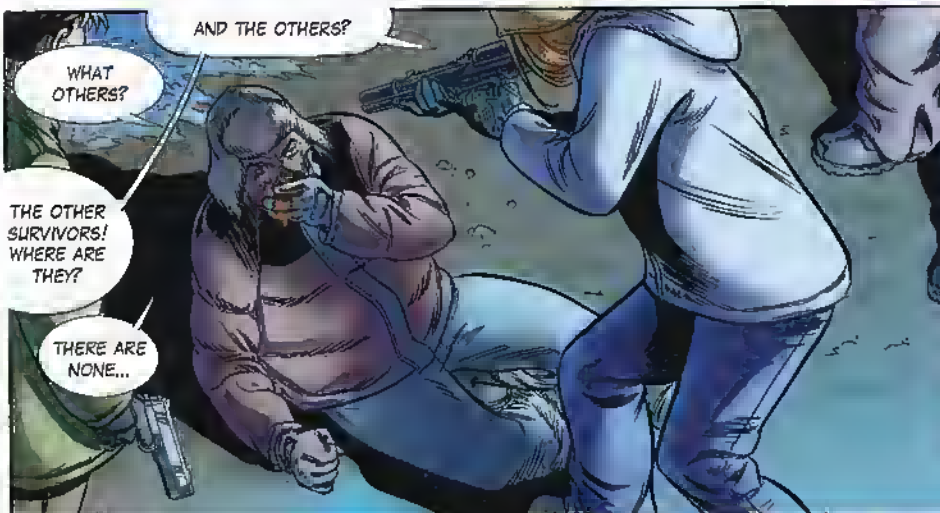


AND THE OTHERS?

WHAT  
OTHERS?

THE OTHER  
SURVIVORS!  
WHERE ARE  
THEY?

THERE ARE  
NONE...



COME ON,  
DARREN...

WE'LL TAKE A  
LOOK OUTSIDE.

I WANT TO BE  
CERTAIN THAT  
HE'S REALLY  
ALONE AND  
TELLING THE  
TRUTH.

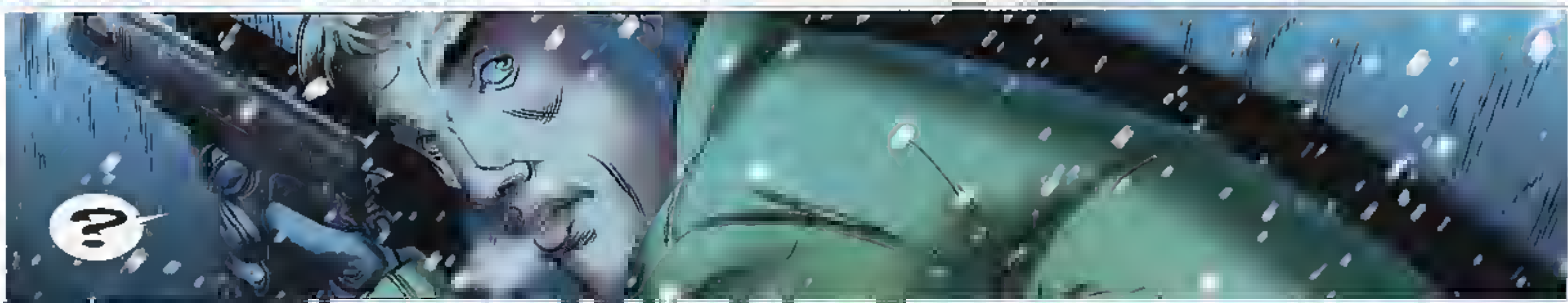
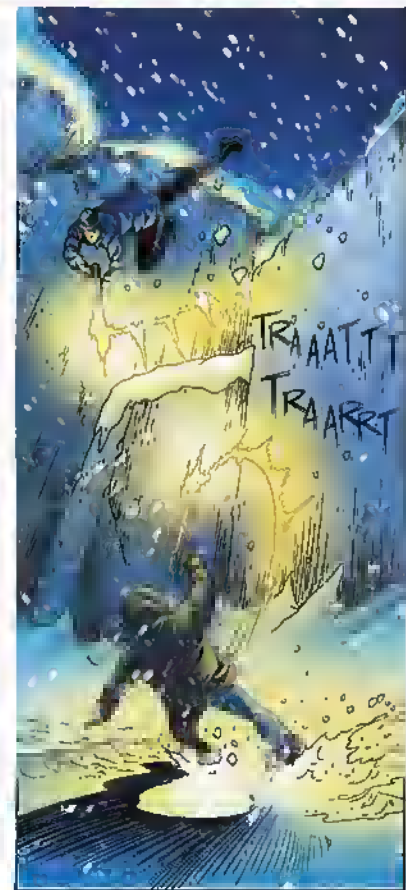
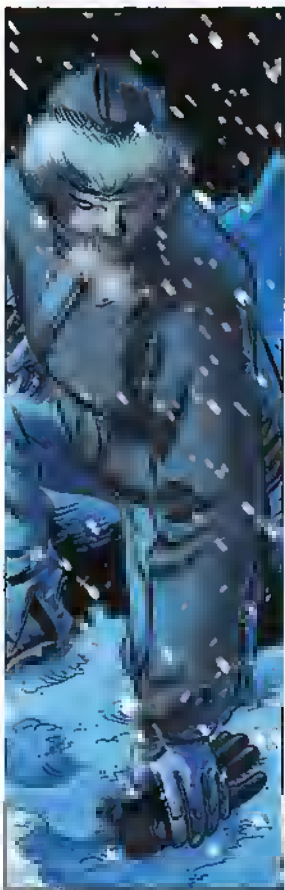
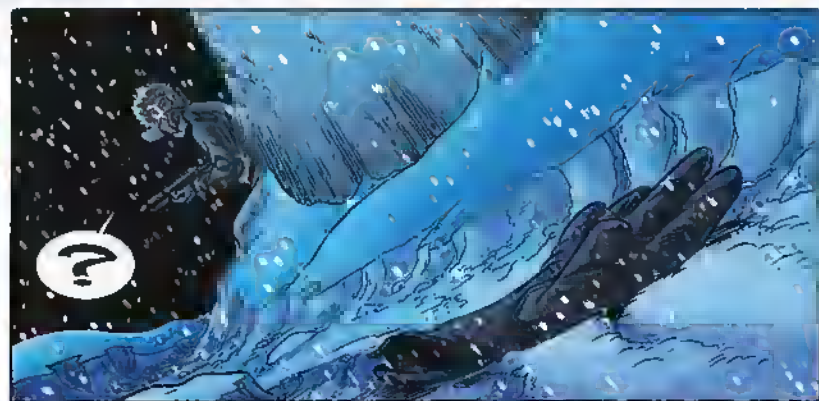




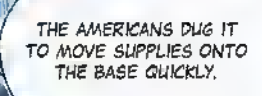
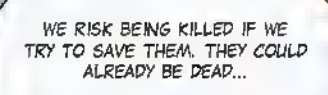
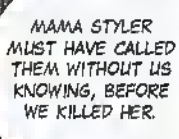
YOU GO AROUND THAT WAY.  
I'LL TAKE THE OTHER SIDE...

...WE'LL MEET UP AROUND  
THE BACK OF THE BUILDING.

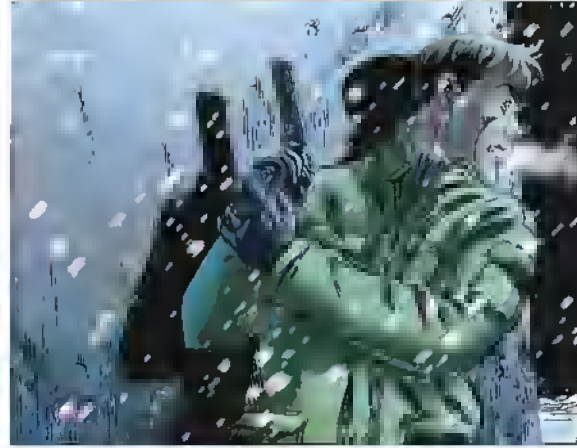
OKAY, KARL.



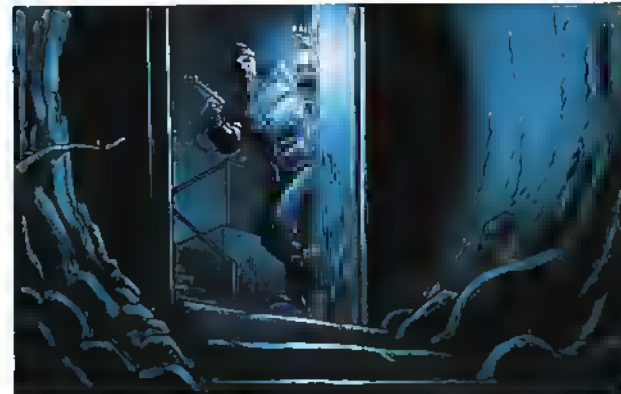
















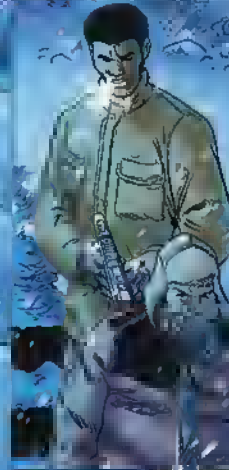
YOU SAID YOU ARRIVED  
HERE IN A ZODIAC?

YES, I LEFT IT  
THERE, ON THE  
BEACH...

OKAY, MOVE  
IT!

WE ONLY WANT TO GET OUT OF  
HERE, SO WHEN YOUR FRIENDS  
ARRIVE, YOU TELL THEM TO STAY  
COOL AND DON'T SHOOT AT US.

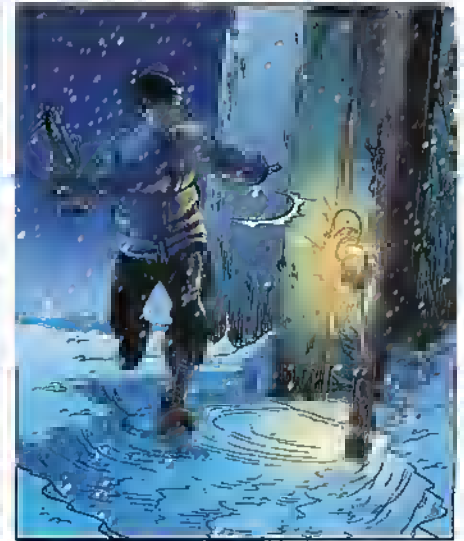
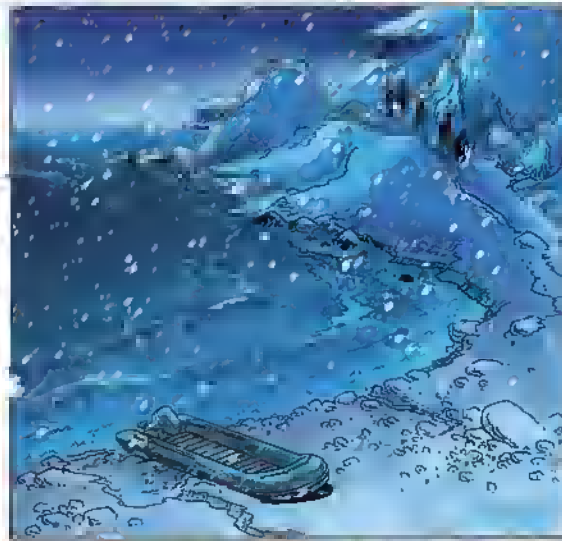
IF THEY TRY TO STOP  
US, I'LL KILL YOU.  
UNDERSTAND?



I HAVE NO  
FRIENDS! I TOLD  
YOU, I'M ALONE!

YEAH,  
YEAH...

SHUT UP  
AND KEEP  
WALKING!



AND HIM?  
WHAT DO WE  
DO WITH  
HIM?

WASTE HIM.

N... NO... DON'T!  
PLEASE...

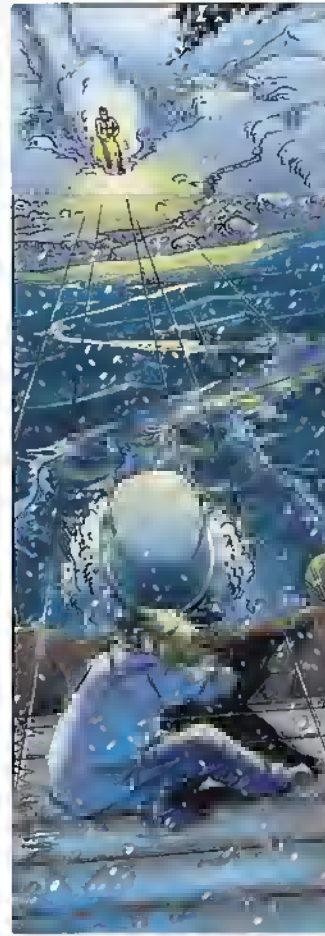


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START IT!  
QUICKLY!



THEY'VE STOLEN MY ZODIAC!  
DON'T LET THEM ESCAPE!  
SHOOT!

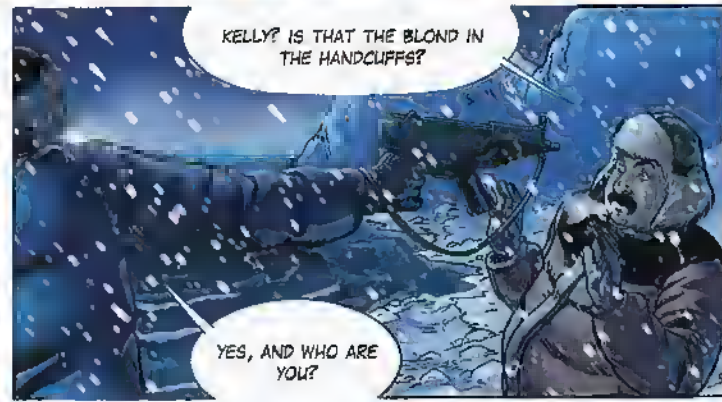
SHOOT ALREADY! WHAT ARE  
YOU WAITING FOR?

NO, AT THIS DISTANCE  
AND WITH THE MIST I  
RISK HURTING KELLY.



KELLY? IS THAT THE BLOND  
IN THE HANDCUFFS?

YES, AND WHO ARE  
YOU?



MY BOAT SANK IN THE STORM. I  
MANAGED TO ESCAPE AND REACH  
THIS ISLAND BEFORE STUMBLING  
INTO THOSE MADMEN...

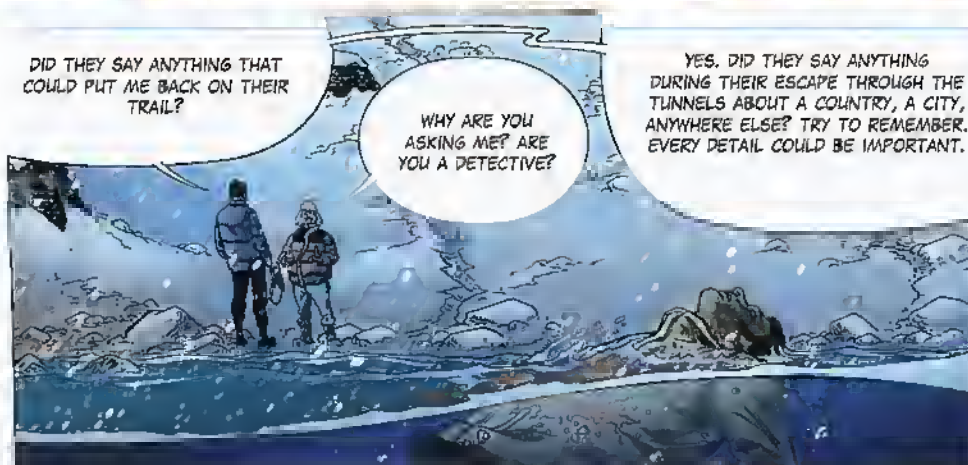
THEY HELD ME CAPTIVE  
BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT I  
WAS A CIA AGENT.



DID THEY SAY ANYTHING THAT  
COULD PUT ME BACK ON THEIR  
TRAIL?

WHY ARE YOU  
ASKING ME? ARE  
YOU A DETECTIVE?

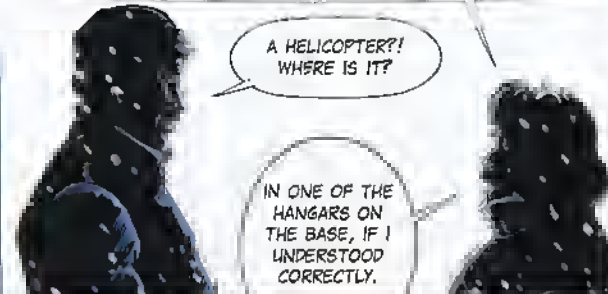
YES. DID THEY SAY ANYTHING  
DURING THEIR ESCAPE THROUGH THE  
TUNNELS ABOUT A COUNTRY, A CITY,  
ANYWHERE ELSE? TRY TO REMEMBER.  
EVERY DETAIL COULD BE IMPORTANT.



NO, THEY DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING INTERESTING. THEY JUST  
WANTED ME TO TAKE THEM TO MY ZODIAC. IT WAS THEIR  
ONLY CHANCE TO ESCAPE. THEY COULDN'T USE THEIR  
HELICOPTER FOR FEAR OF BEING SHOT...

A HELICOPTER?!  
WHERE IS IT?

IN ONE OF THE  
HANGARS ON  
THE BASE, IF I  
UNDERSTOOD  
CORRECTLY.



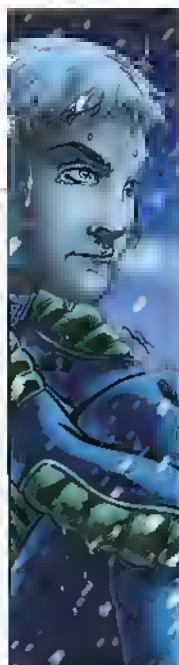






TRY TO GET AS  
MUCH AS YOU  
CAN!

WE'RE GOING TO NEED IT IF  
WE'RE GOING TO HIDE ON THE  
OTHER SIDE OF THE GLOBE  
UNTIL THE CIA FORGETS  
ABOUT US.



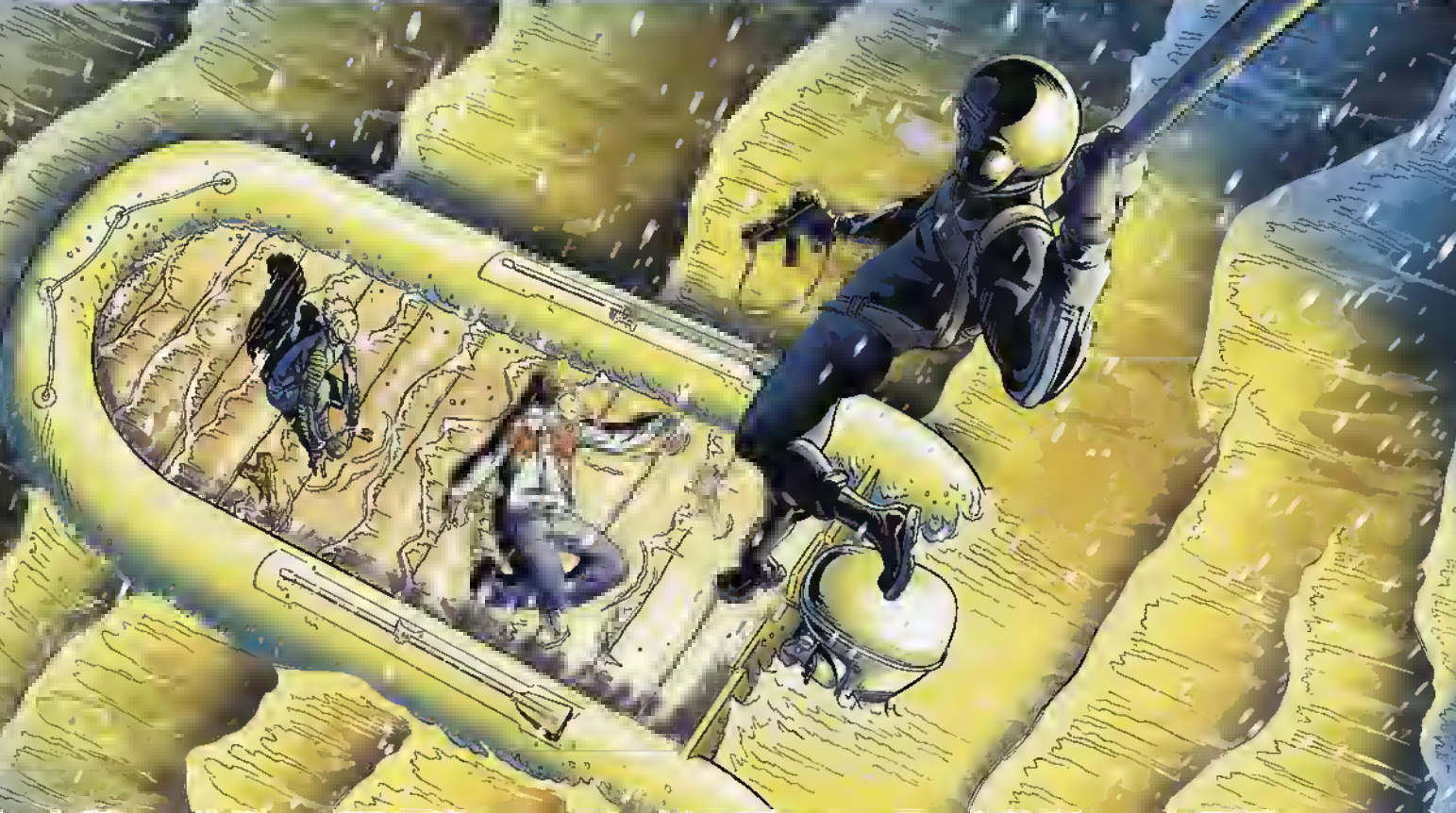
LEAVE IT!

I'M GOING TO  
KILL YOU LIKE  
YOU KILLED MY  
MOTHER!



I'LL STRANGLE  
YOU, BITCH!









OKAY, CARUSO,  
YOU CAN HAUL  
US IN!

TWENTY  
PERCENT!

WHAT? WHAT  
ARE YOU TALK-  
ING ABOUT?

ABOUT MY CUT! NOW THAT  
YOU'VE FOUND KELLY YOU'LL GET  
A BIG REWARD. SEEING AS I  
HELPED YOU SAVE HER, IT'S  
ONLY FAIR THAT I GET A SHARE!  
TWENTY PERCENT! DEAL?



THAT WON'T HAPPEN! THAT'S TOO  
MUCH! DO YOU THINK THIS IS THE  
RIGHT TIME TO DISCUSS IT? CAN'T WE  
DO THAT LATER?

NO, I'D RATHER DO IT NOW!  
SO, HOW MUCH?

TEN!

FIFTEEN!

FINE! JUST HURRY AND HAUL US UP!  
THE ZODIAC IS ABOUT TO SINK!



OKAY, HERE WE  
GO!... HANG ON  
TIGHT!





GOOD DAY AND  
WELCOME TO  
RUSSIA!

WE'RE IN ANADYR,  
A LITTLE CITY IN  
SIBERIA...

...WHERE THIS MORNING IT'S MINUS  
TWENTY DEGREES!

WHY IS IT MORNING  
THERE AND AFTERNOON  
HERE?

BECAUSE OF THE TIME  
DIFFERENCE, WE TOLD YOU  
YESTERDAY...

AND WE'LL  
HAVE TO TELL  
YOU AGAIN  
TOMORROW...

CAUSE YOU  
DON'T LISTEN!

WHY ARE YOU TALKING TO ME LIKE THAT?  
YOU'RE A MEANIE!

DON'T MIND HER,  
SHE'S JUST IN A MOOD  
BECAUSE HER BROTHER  
ISN'T LEADING THE  
RACE.

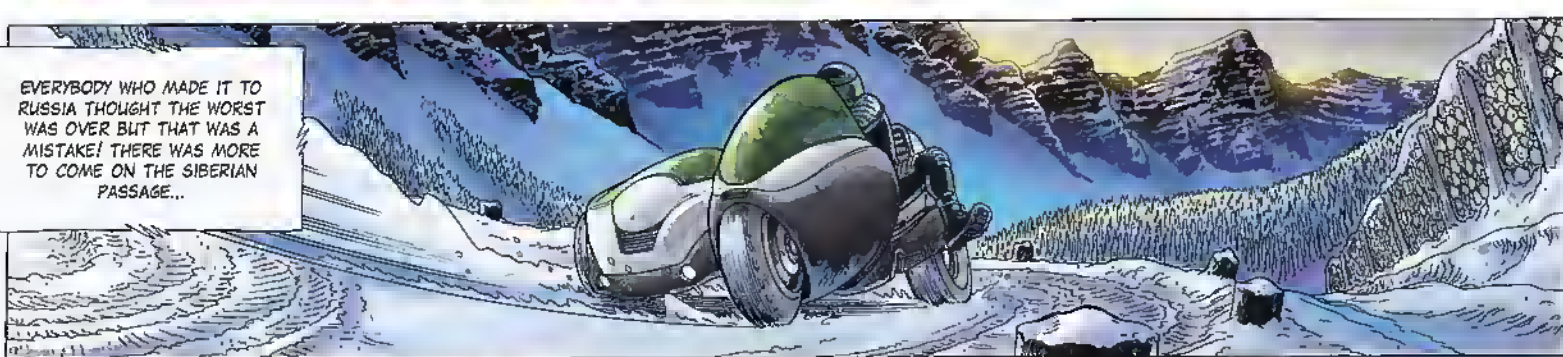
BEFORE WE GIVE YOU THE RACE  
CLASSIFICATION, WE'VE GOT SOME DRAMATIC  
FOOTAGE FROM YESTERDAY.

AFTER LEAVING  
NOME IN ALASKA  
THE CONTESTANTS  
HAD TO CROSS THE  
TERRIBLE BERING  
STRAIT...

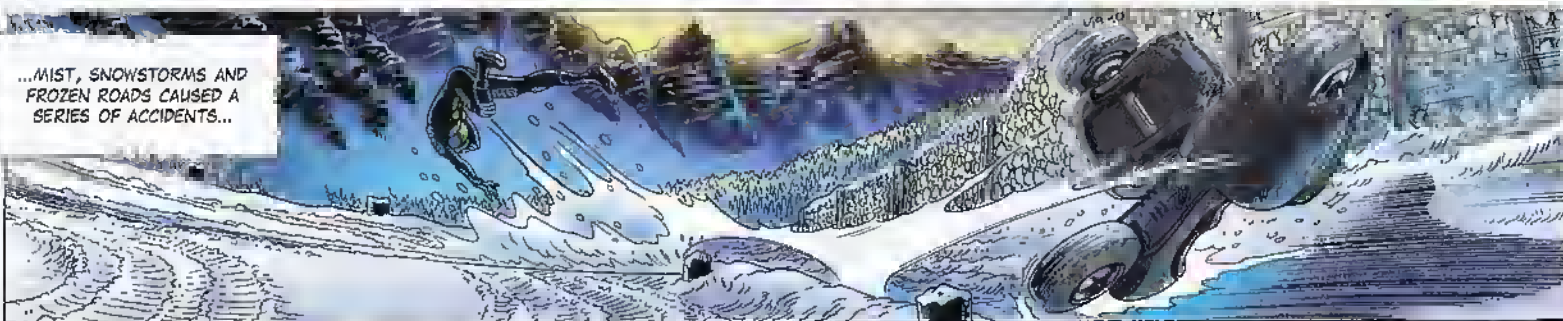
AND FOR  
SOME THE  
RACE ENDED  
THERE...



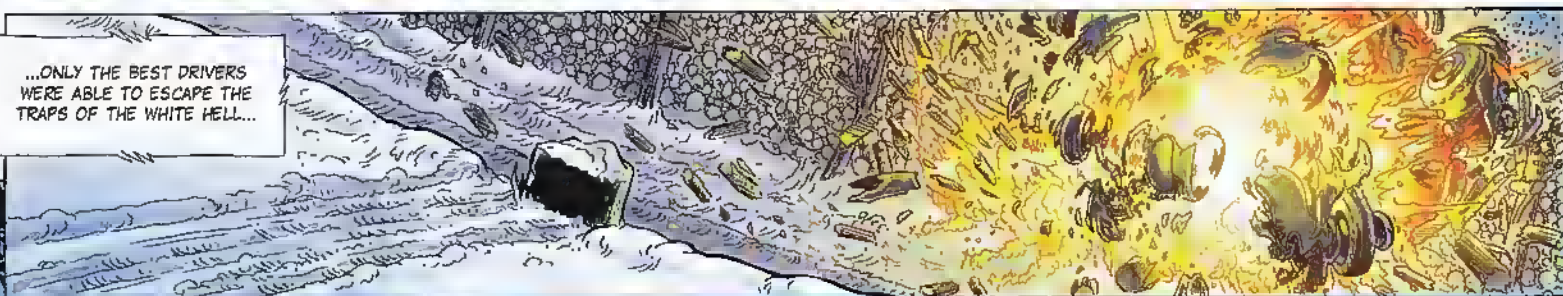
EVERYBODY WHO MADE IT TO RUSSIA THOUGHT THE WORST WAS OVER BUT THAT WAS A MISTAKE! THERE WAS MORE TO COME ON THE SIBERIAN PASSAGE...



...MIST, SNOWSTORMS AND FROZEN ROADS CAUSED A SERIES OF ACCIDENTS...

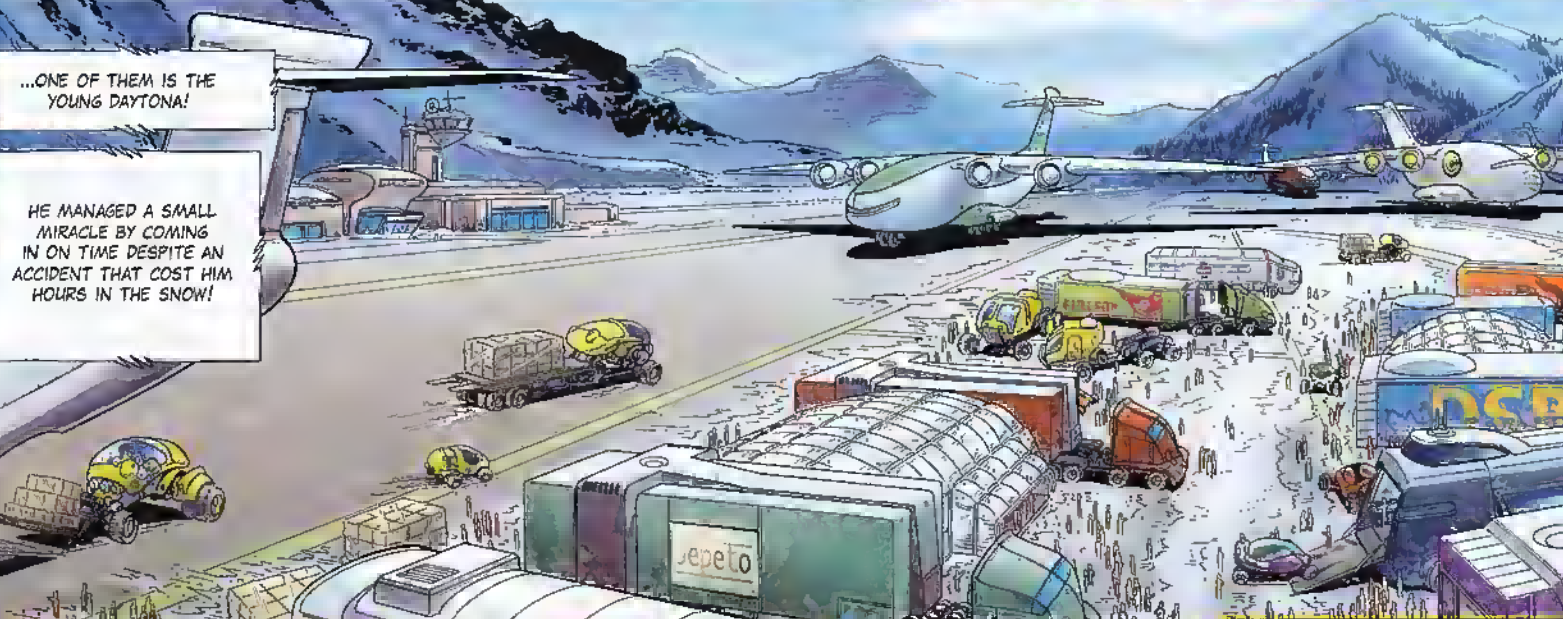


...ONLY THE BEST DRIVERS WERE ABLE TO ESCAPE THE TRAPS OF THE WHITE HELL...



...ONE OF THEM IS THE YOUNG DAYTONA!

HE MANAGED A SMALL MIRACLE BY COMING IN ON TIME DESPITE AN ACCIDENT THAT COST HIM HOURS IN THE SNOW!



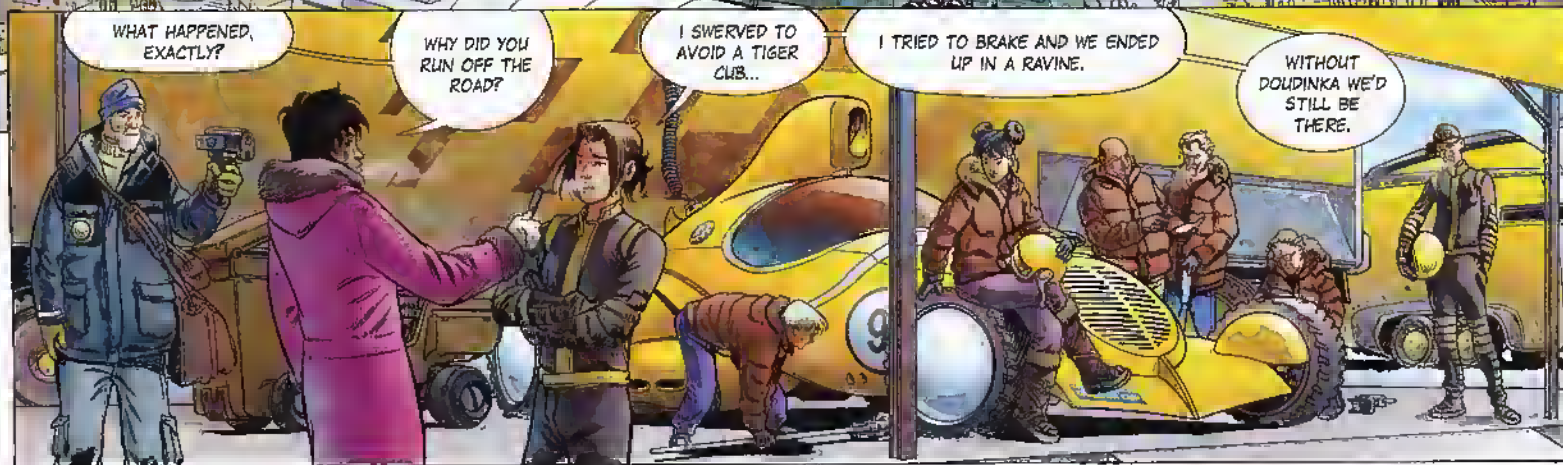
WHAT HAPPENED, EXACTLY?

WHY DID YOU RUN OFF THE ROAD?

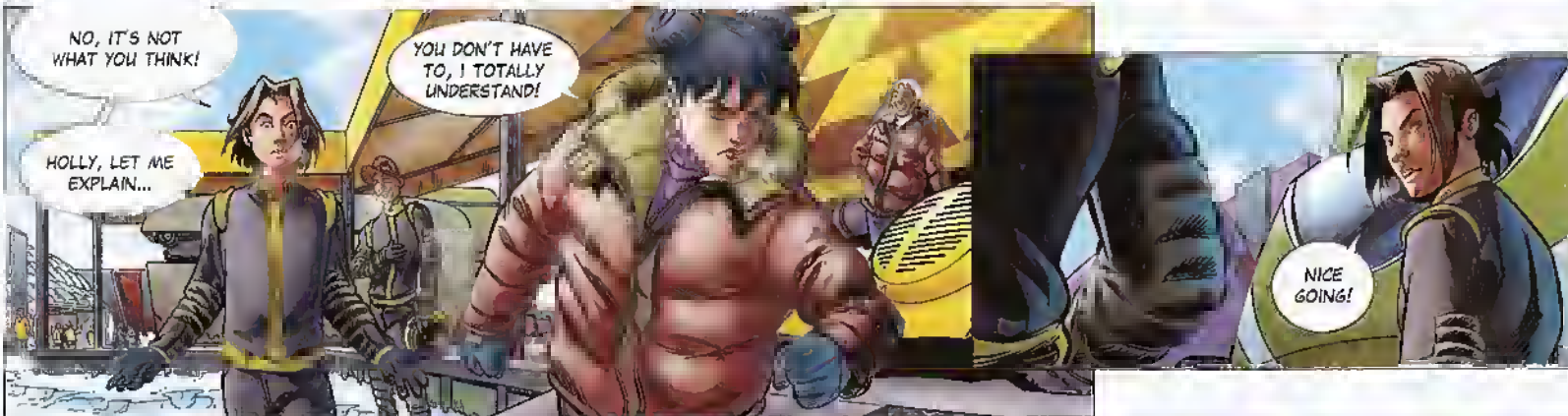
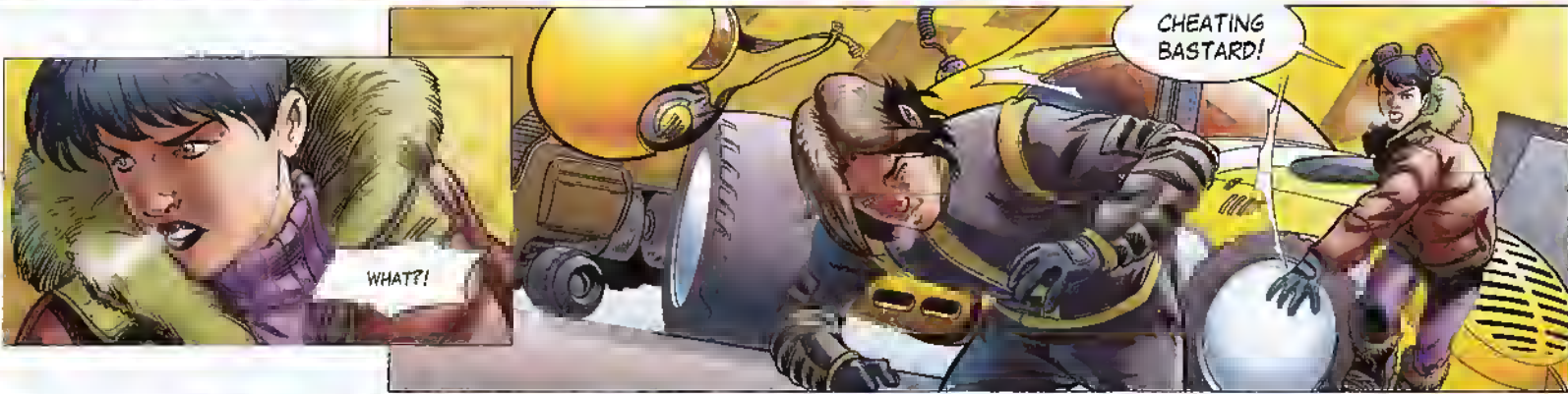
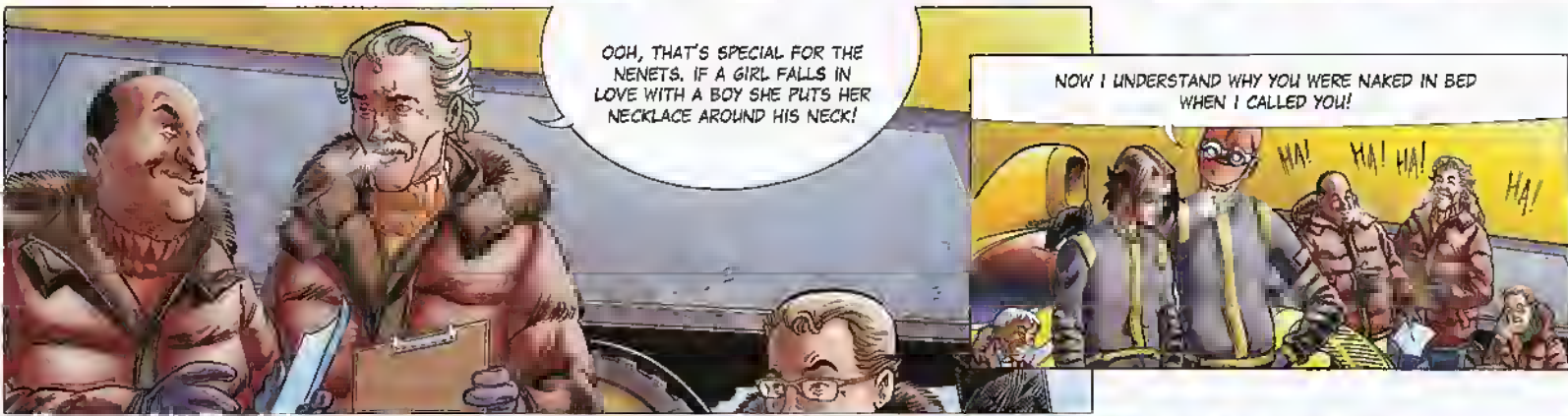
I SWERVED TO AVOID A TIGER CUB...

I TRIED TO BRAKE AND WE ENDED UP IN A RAVINE.

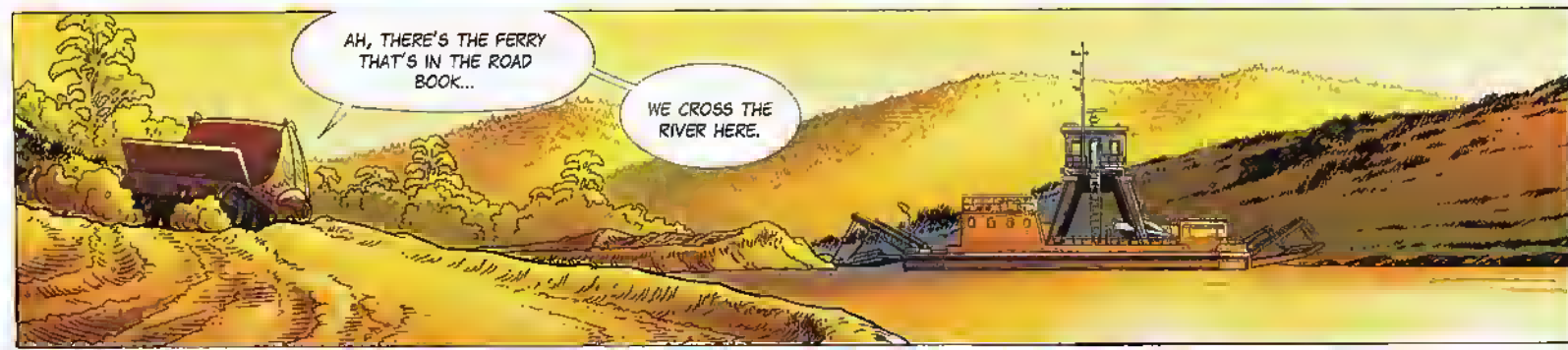
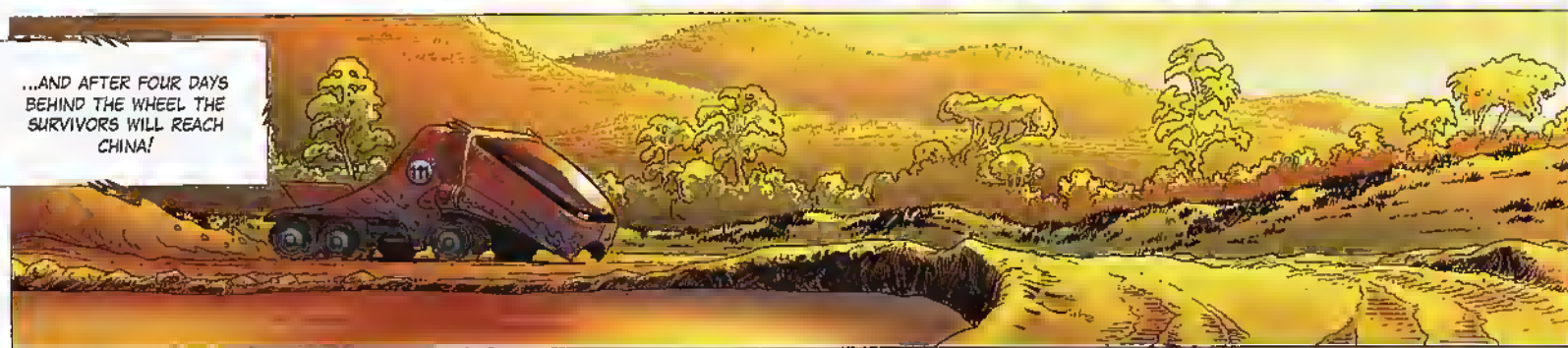
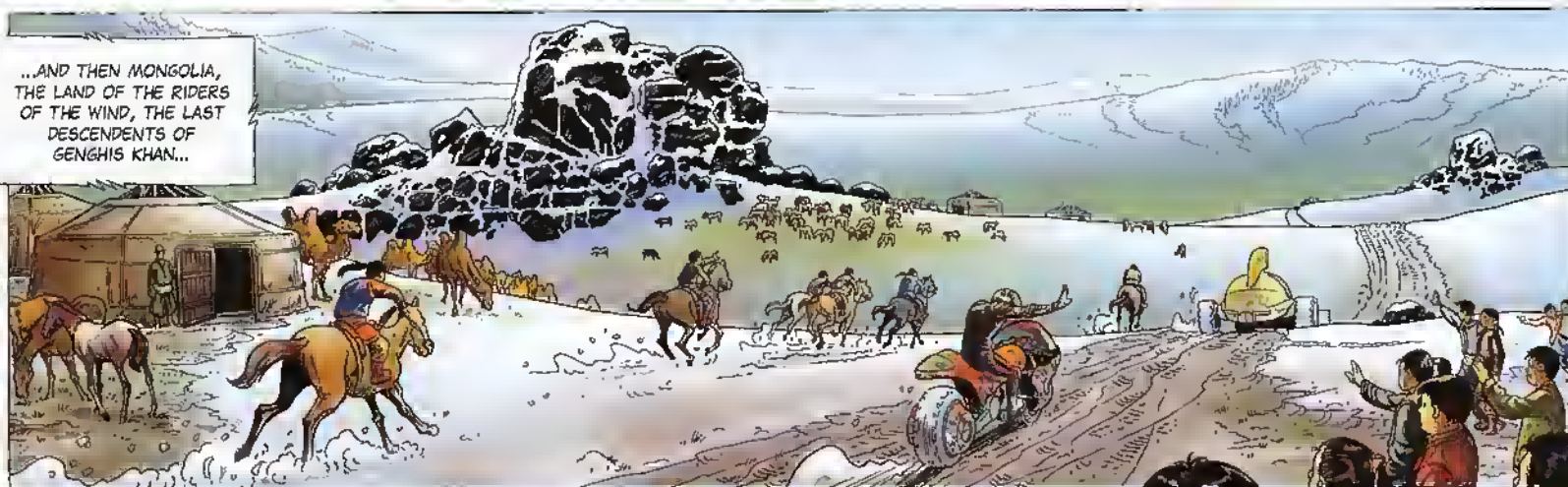
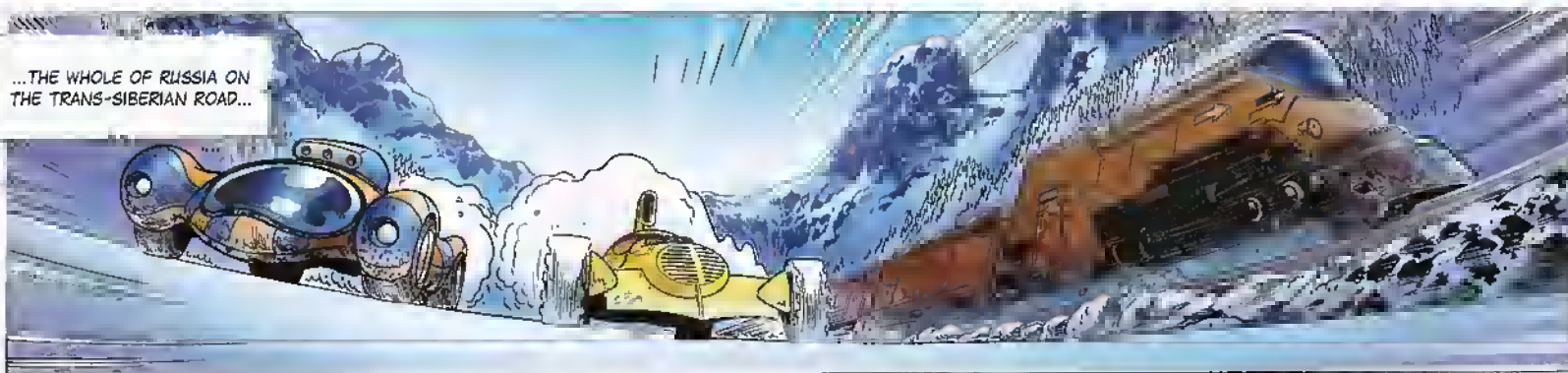
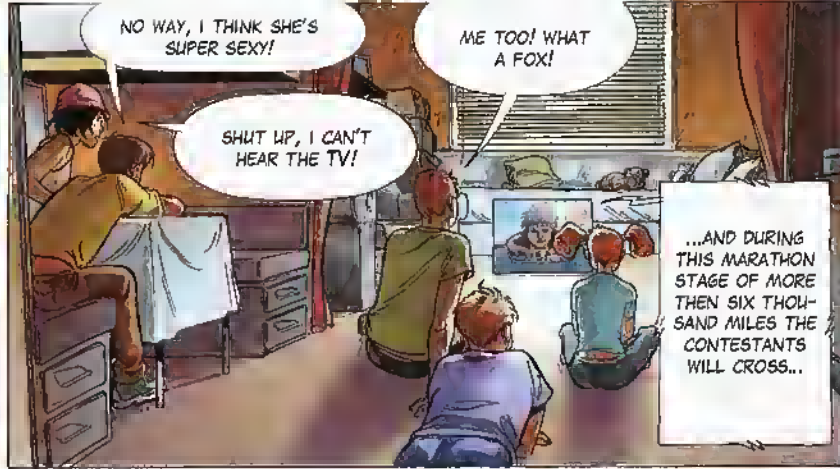
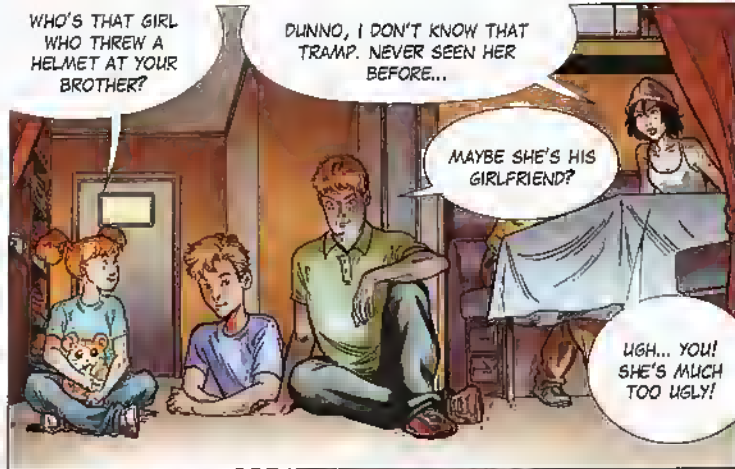
WITHOUT DOUDINKA WE'D STILL BE THERE.



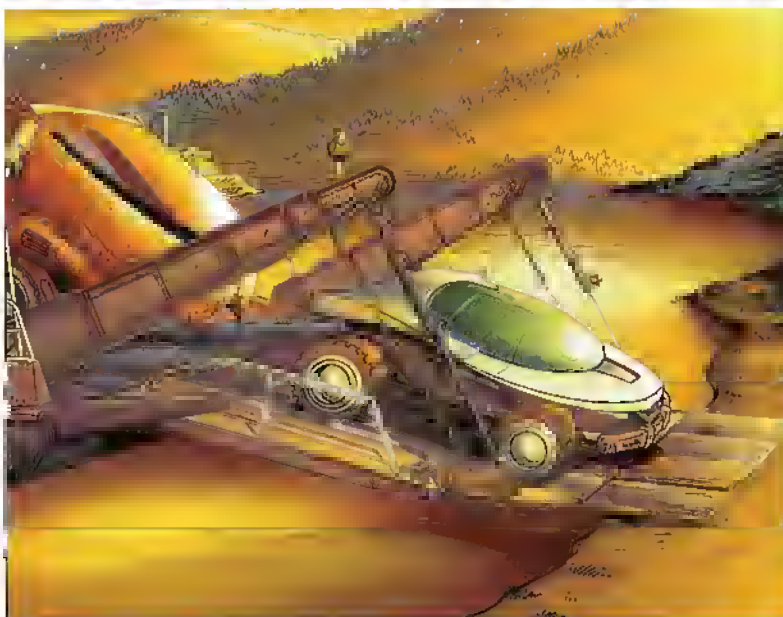
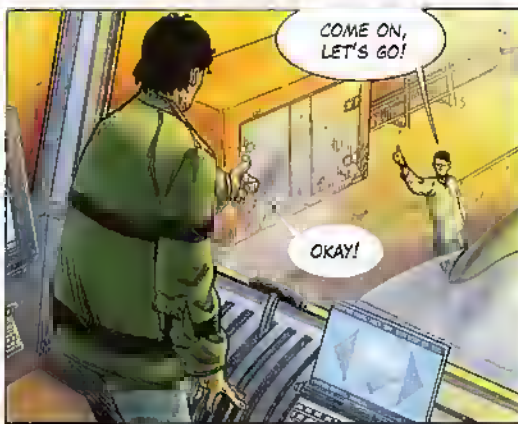
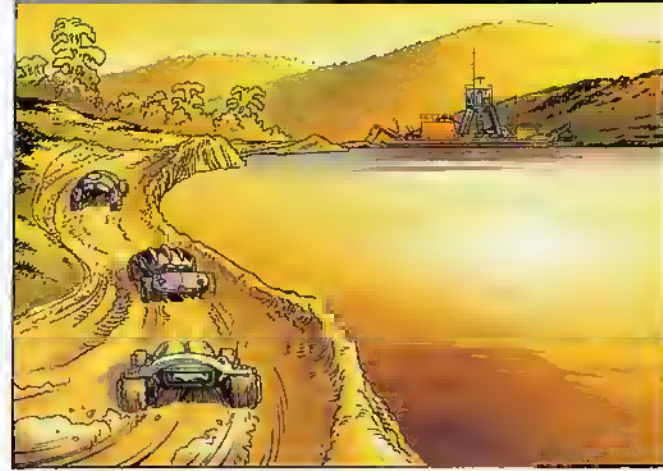




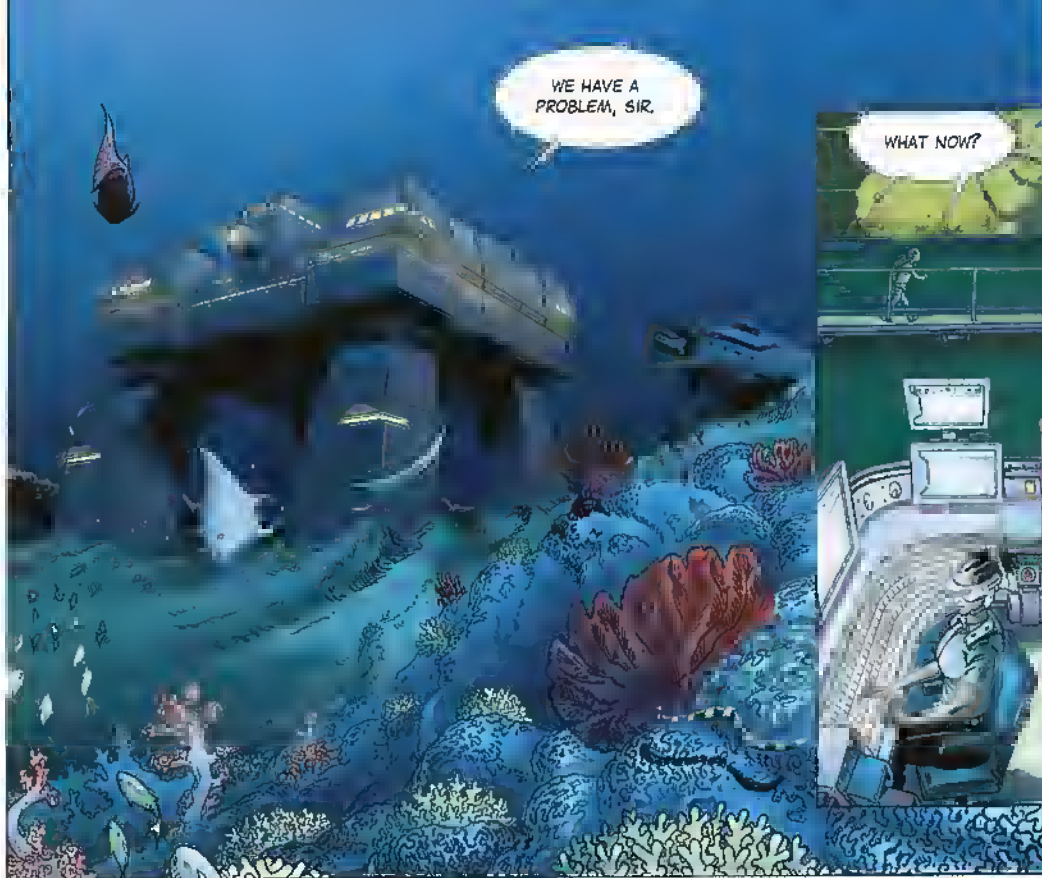




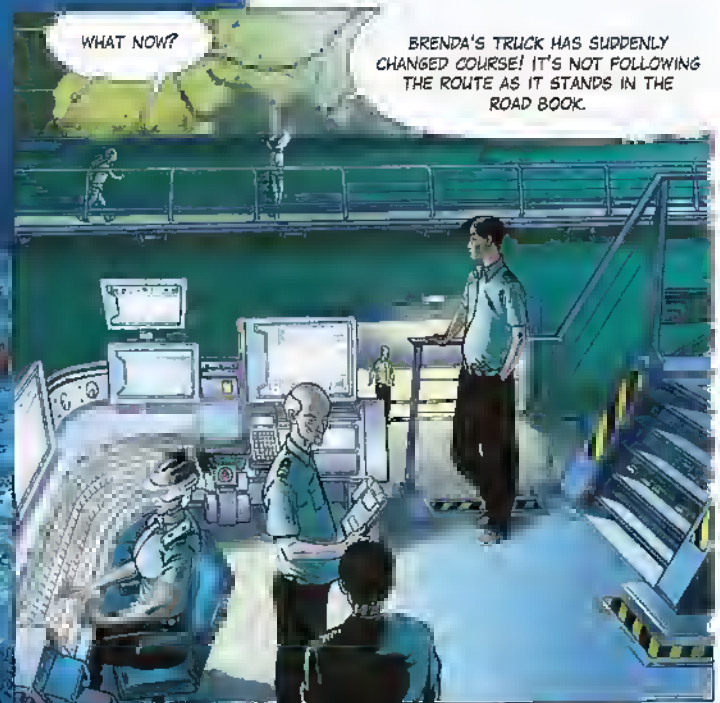








WE HAVE A PROBLEM, SIR.



WHAT NOW?

BRENDA'S TRUCK HAS SUDDENLY CHANGED COURSE! IT'S NOT FOLLOWING THE ROUTE AS IT STANDS IN THE ROAD BOOK.



ARE YOU SURE?

ABSOLUTELY.

WE BUGGED THE TRUCK, LIKE YOU ASKED, AND WE'VE BEEN TRACKING IT WITH ONE OF YOUR SATELLITES...

AS YOU CAN SEE IT'S DEVIATING FROM THE COURSE OF THE GOLDEN CUP, WHICH IS HIGHLIGHTED IN BLACK ON THE MAP...

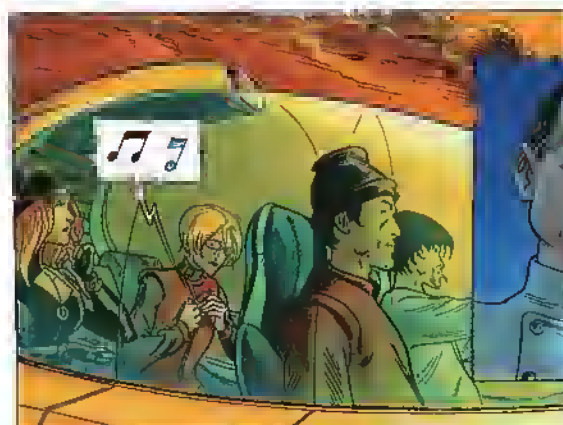
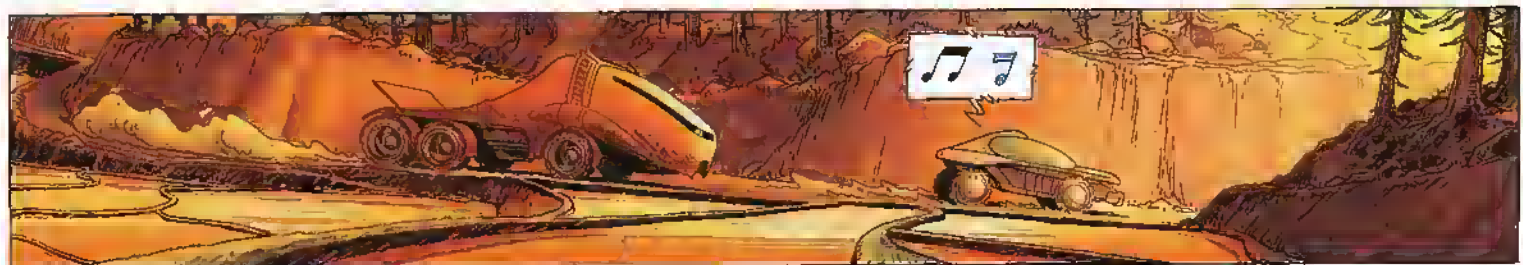


IT'S POSSIBLE THAT THEY JUST MADE A MISTAKE AND MISREAD THE ROAD BOOK...

OR MAYBE THEY'VE GOT A TECHNICAL PROBLEM AND BRENDA IS DRIVING AROUND LOOKING FOR A WORKSHOP TO REPAIR IT...



COULD BE. WE'LL KNOW SOON!



HELLO, WINONA? WHAT'S HAPPENING?

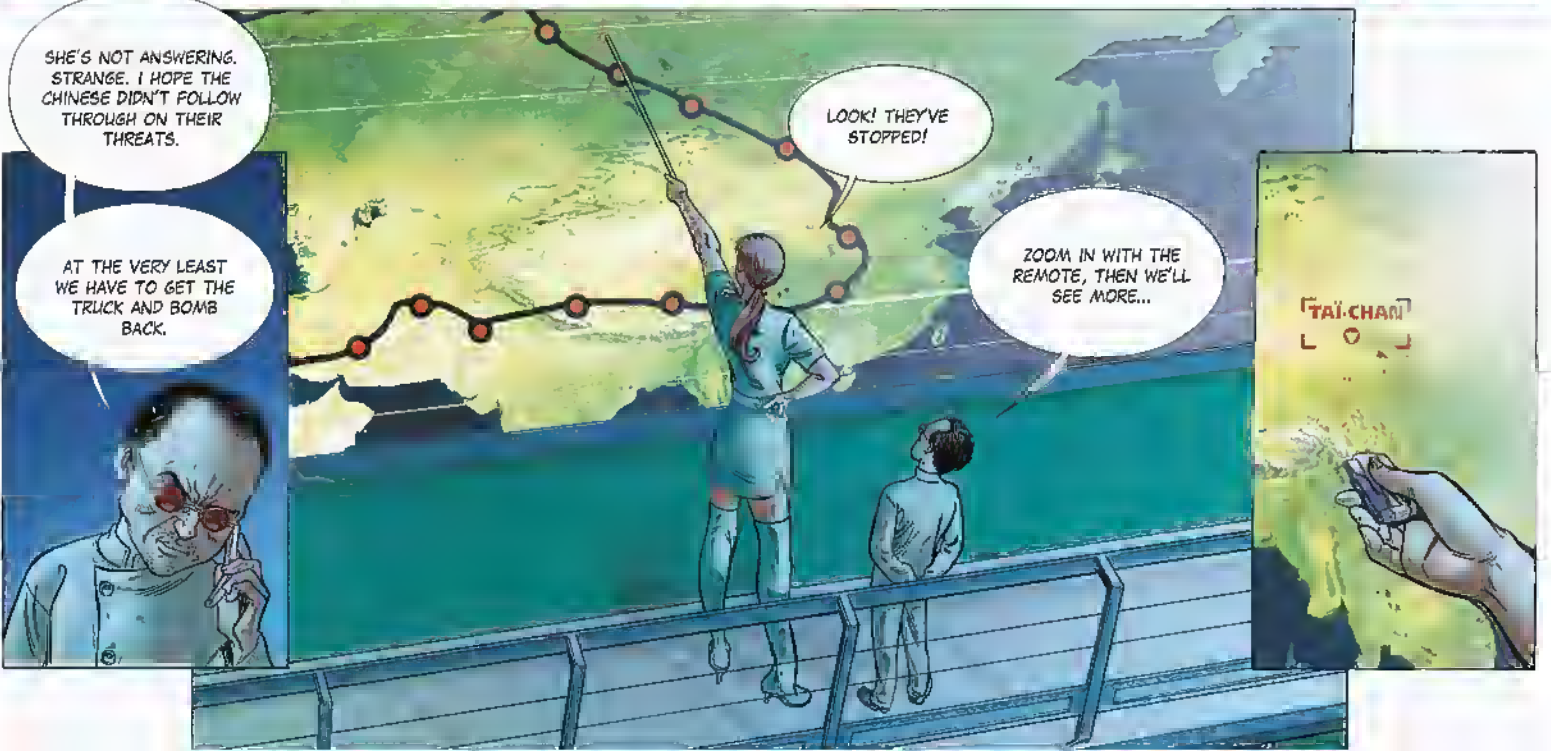
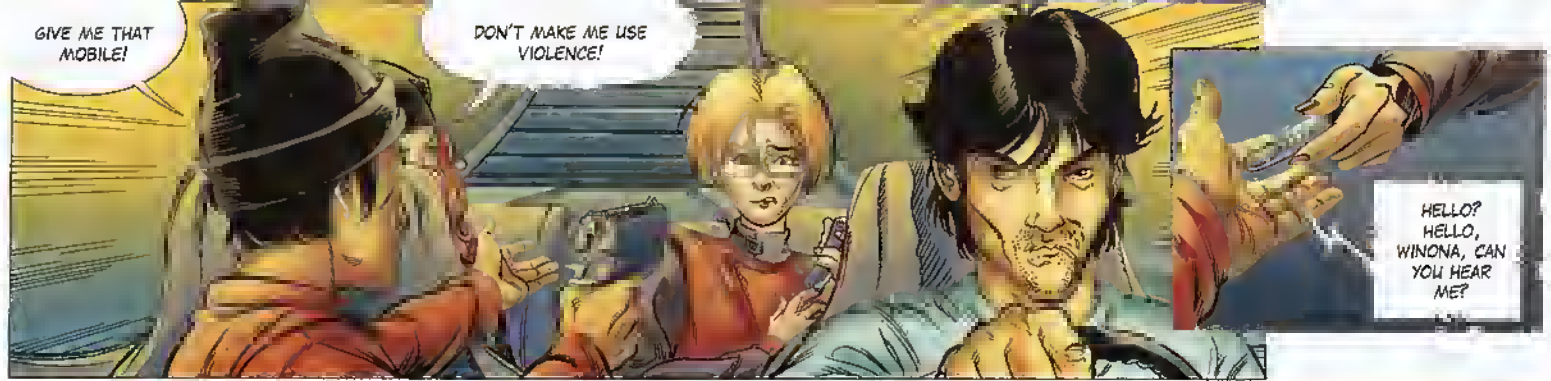
WHY AREN'T FOLLOWING THE PRESCRIBED ROUTE? WHY DID YOU CHANGE DIRECTION?



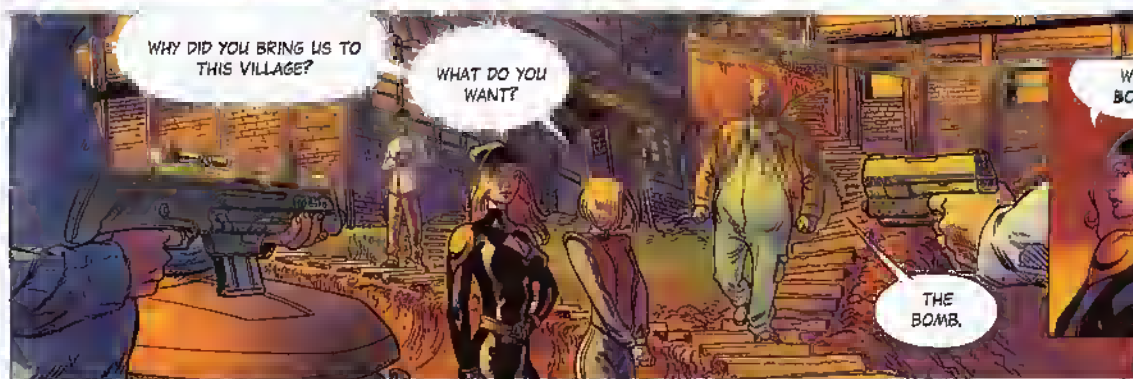
BECAUSE A CHINESE GANG FORCED US TO. THEY THREATENED TO KILL US IF WE DIDN'T OBEY.

ONE OF THEM IS ARMED... HE HAS A GLIN!









WHY DID YOU BRING US TO  
THIS VILLAGE?

WHAT DO YOU  
WANT?

THE  
BOMB.



WHAT  
BOMB?

THE ONE THAT'S IN  
YOUR TRUCK.



I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT YOU'RE  
TALKING ABOUT!

VERY FUNNY!

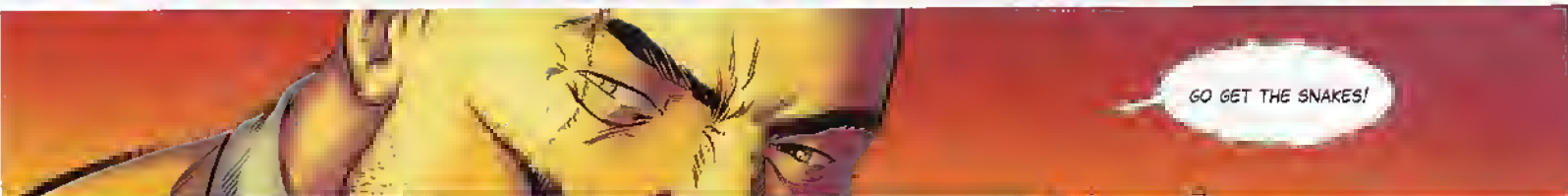
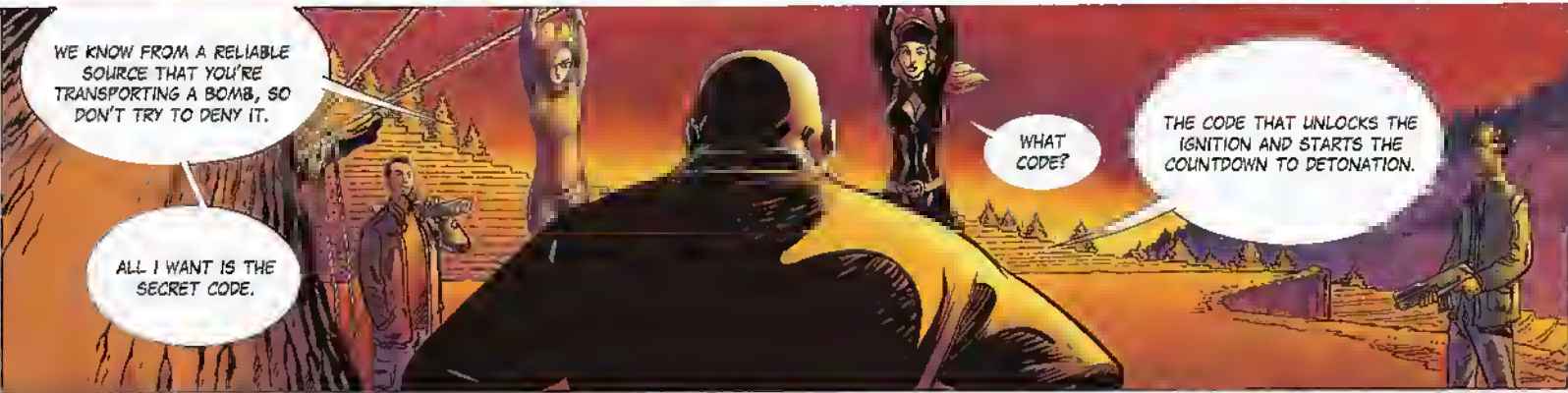
THERE'S NO  
BOMB IN OUR  
TRUCK... UNLESS  
YOU'RE TALKING  
ABOUT ME?

I'M CERTAIN  
YOU'LL BE LESS  
JOKEY WHEN YOU  
SEE WHAT WE  
HAVE IN STORE  
FOR YOU.

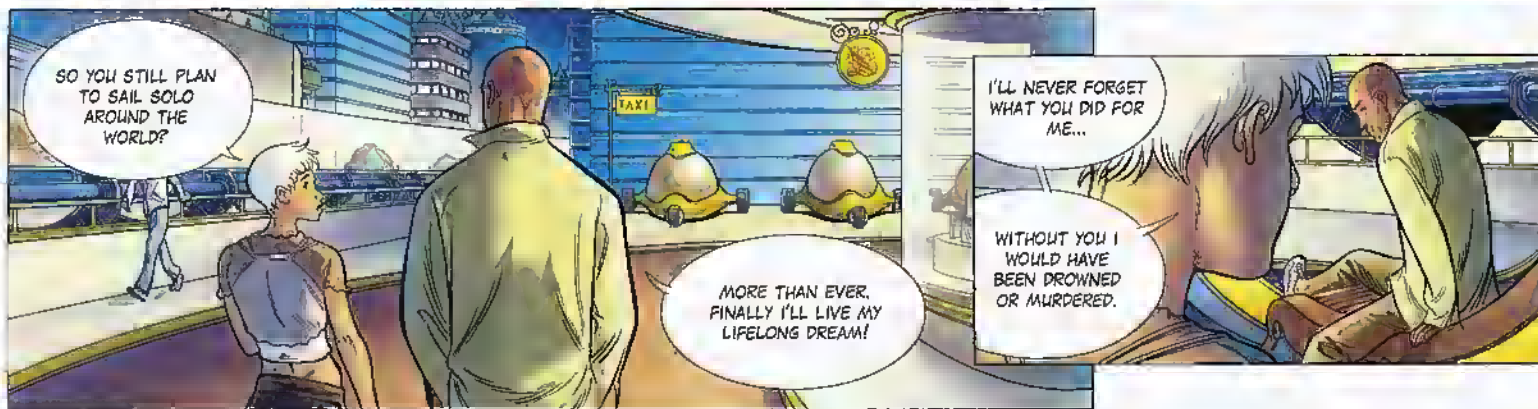
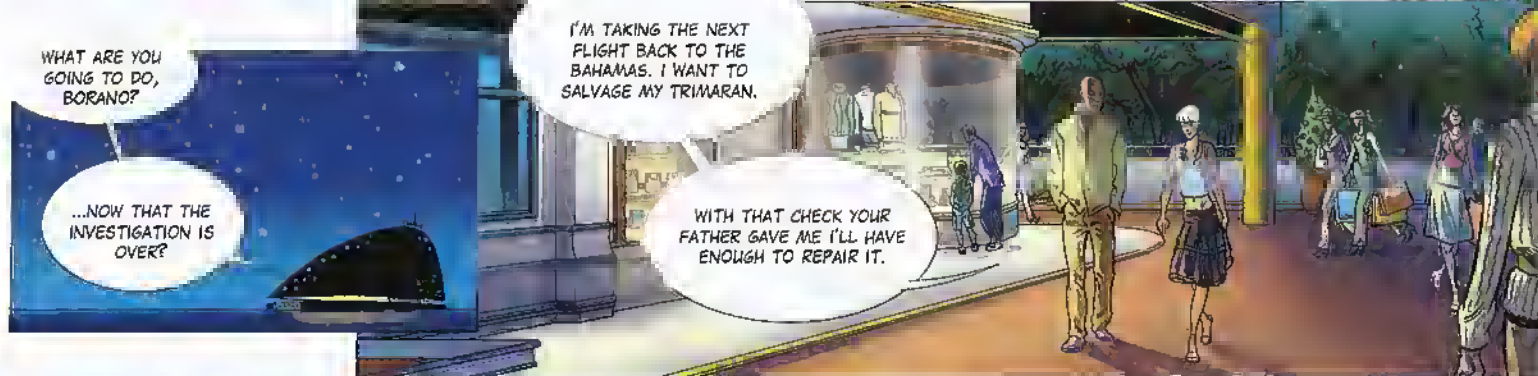


TIE THEM TO  
THAT TREE!

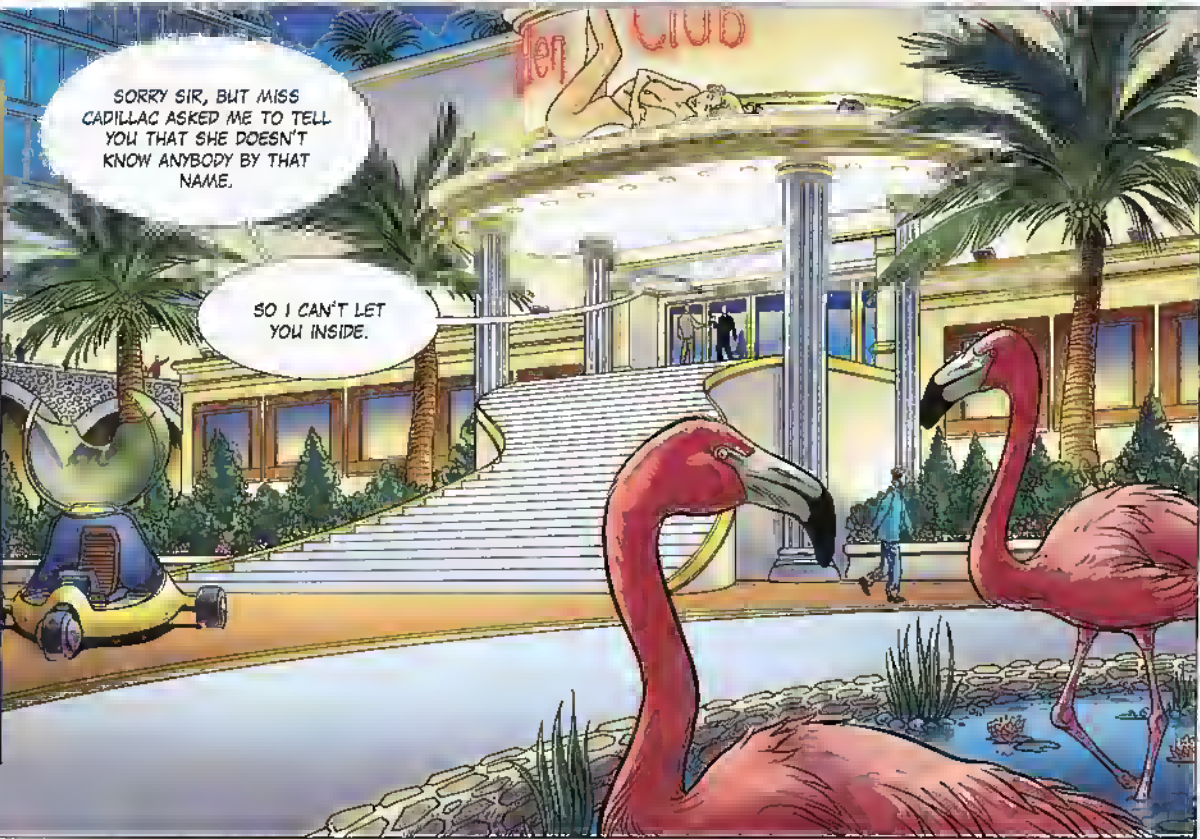
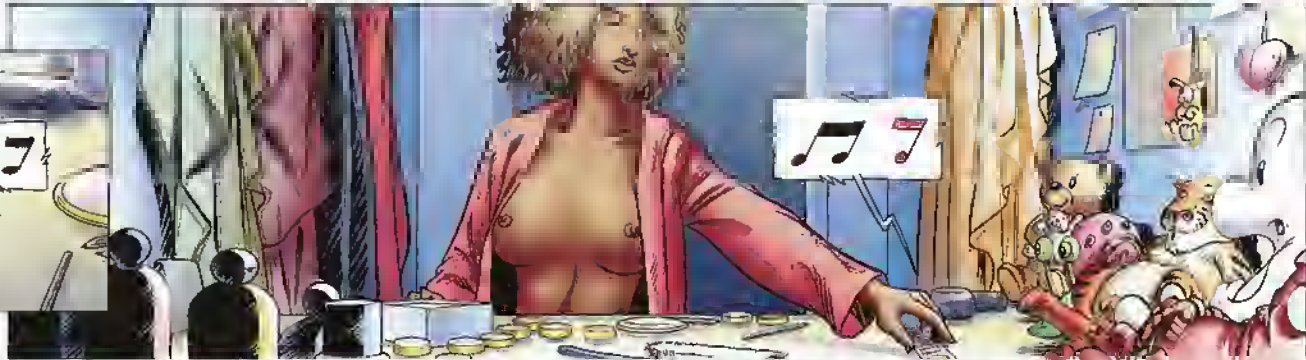
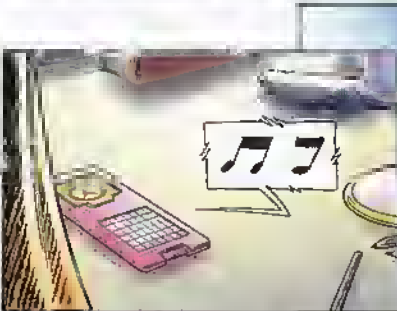
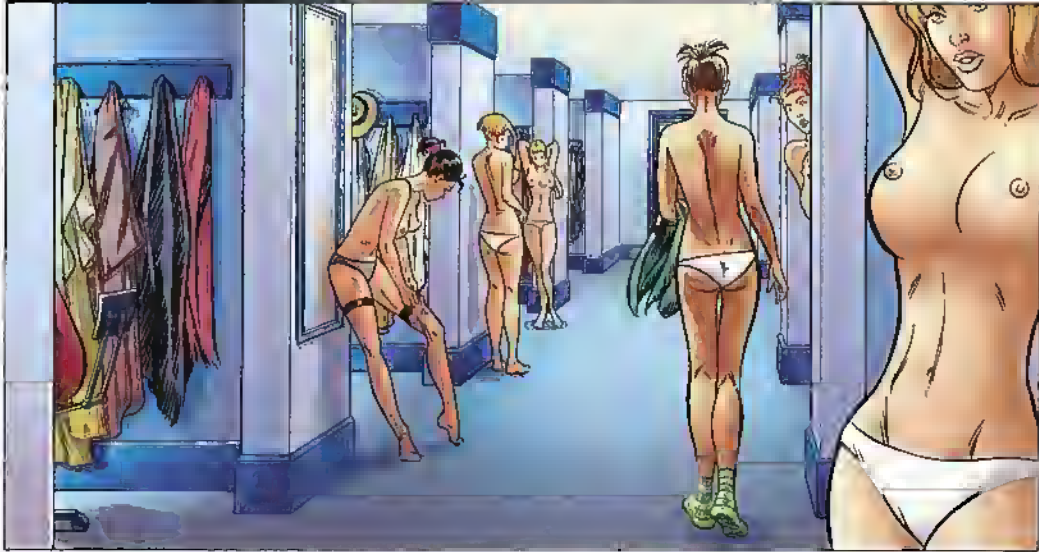












NOT EVEN FOR A PRICE?

THAT'S NOT NECESSARY, SIR. ACCESS TO THE DRESSING ROOMS ARE STRICTLY FORBIDDEN TO THE PUBLIC WITHOUT SPECIAL PERMISSION.

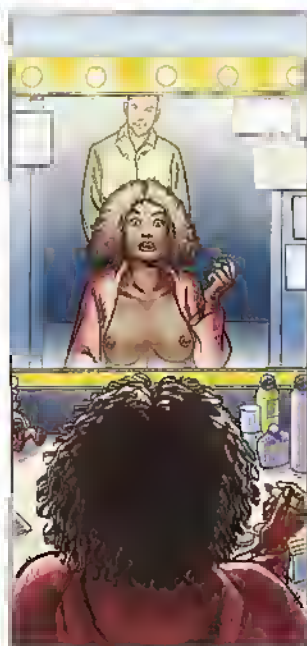
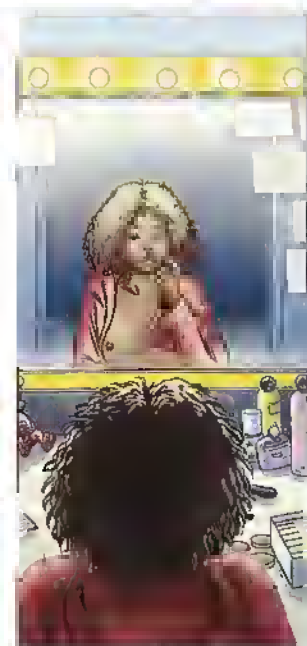
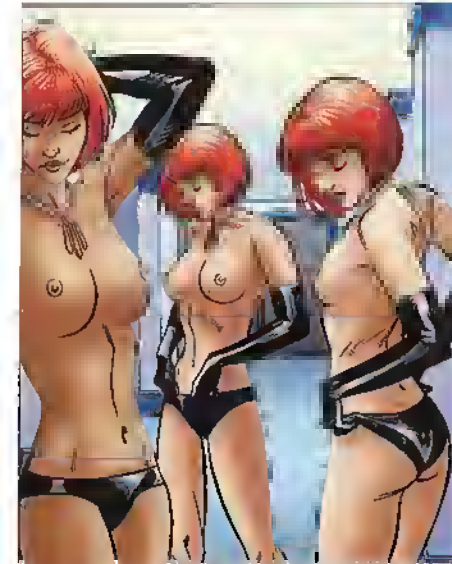
SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING, MISS LILY, BUT A CERTAIN MISTER BORANO WISHES TO SPEAK WITH YOU.

HE CLAIMS TO BE A FRIEND OF YOURS... WHAT? OKAY, I'LL TELL HIM THAT... OF COURSE, YOU CAN COUNT ON ME.

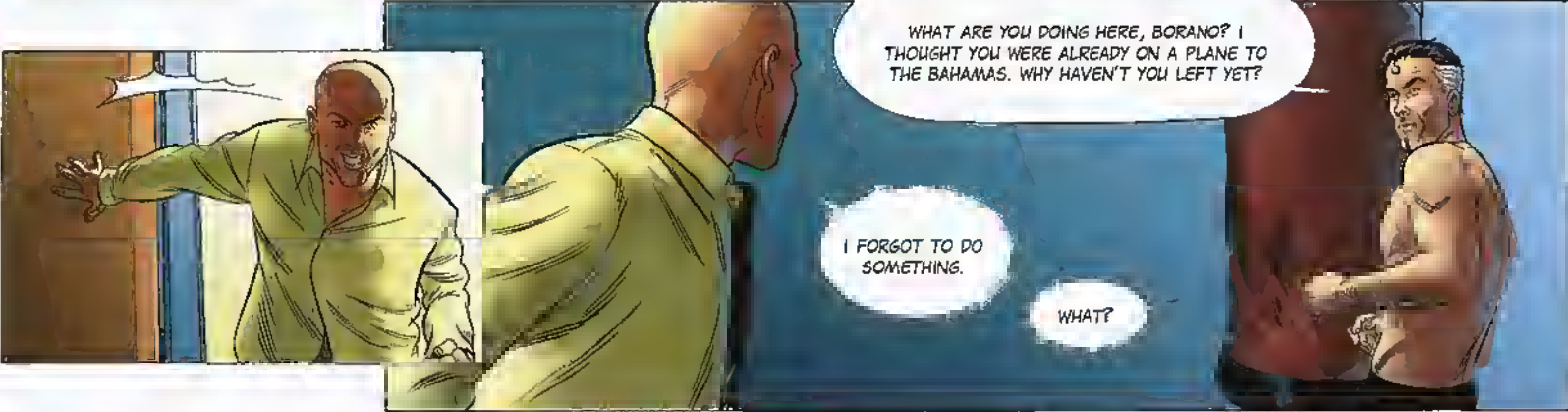
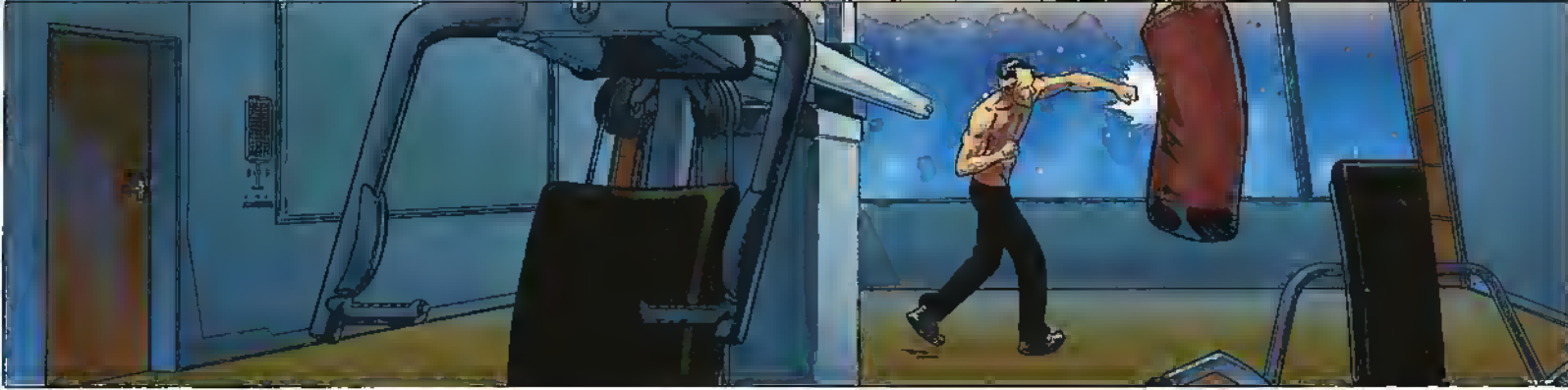
SORRY SIR, BUT MISS CADILLAC ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT SHE DOESN'T KNOW ANYBODY BY THAT NAME.

SO I CAN'T LET YOU INSIDE.

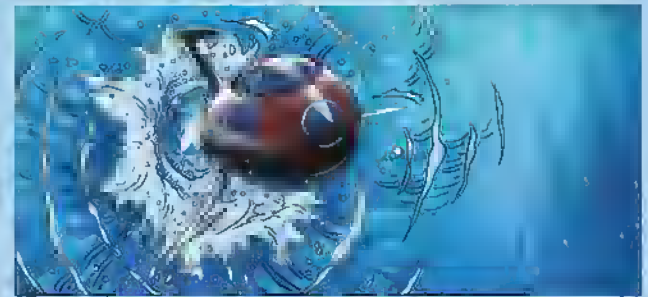
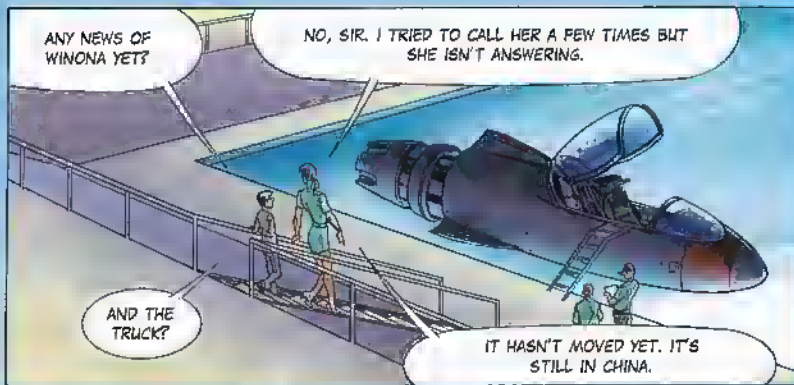














# GOLDEN CUP

## CHARACTERS

**Daytona:** This wizard behind the wheel has always dreamed of becoming a racing driver and champion.

**Stirling Sullivan:** A passionate and kindly old-mechanic who designed his own race car to compete in the Golden Cup.

**Burt Styler:** A rich and powerful Golden City businessman who'll do whatever it takes to get what he wants.

**Kelly Styler:** Daughter of Burt Styler. This sensitive and determined girl hides her sadness at her parent's divorce beneath a rebellious facade.

**Borano:** With a weakness for beautiful girls, this lonely world traveler is also the world's greatest detective.

## THE STORY

Nobody has heard from Daytona since he went looking for aid after Victoria ran off the road. Lost in a snow storm, will he ever find his way back? Meanwhile, Borano still searches for Kelly, the heiress who was kidnapped by the World Warriors. To find her he sees but one solution: he must make the dead talk!

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